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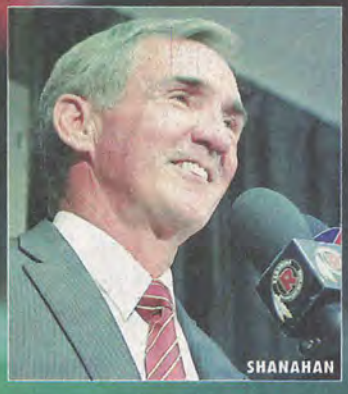

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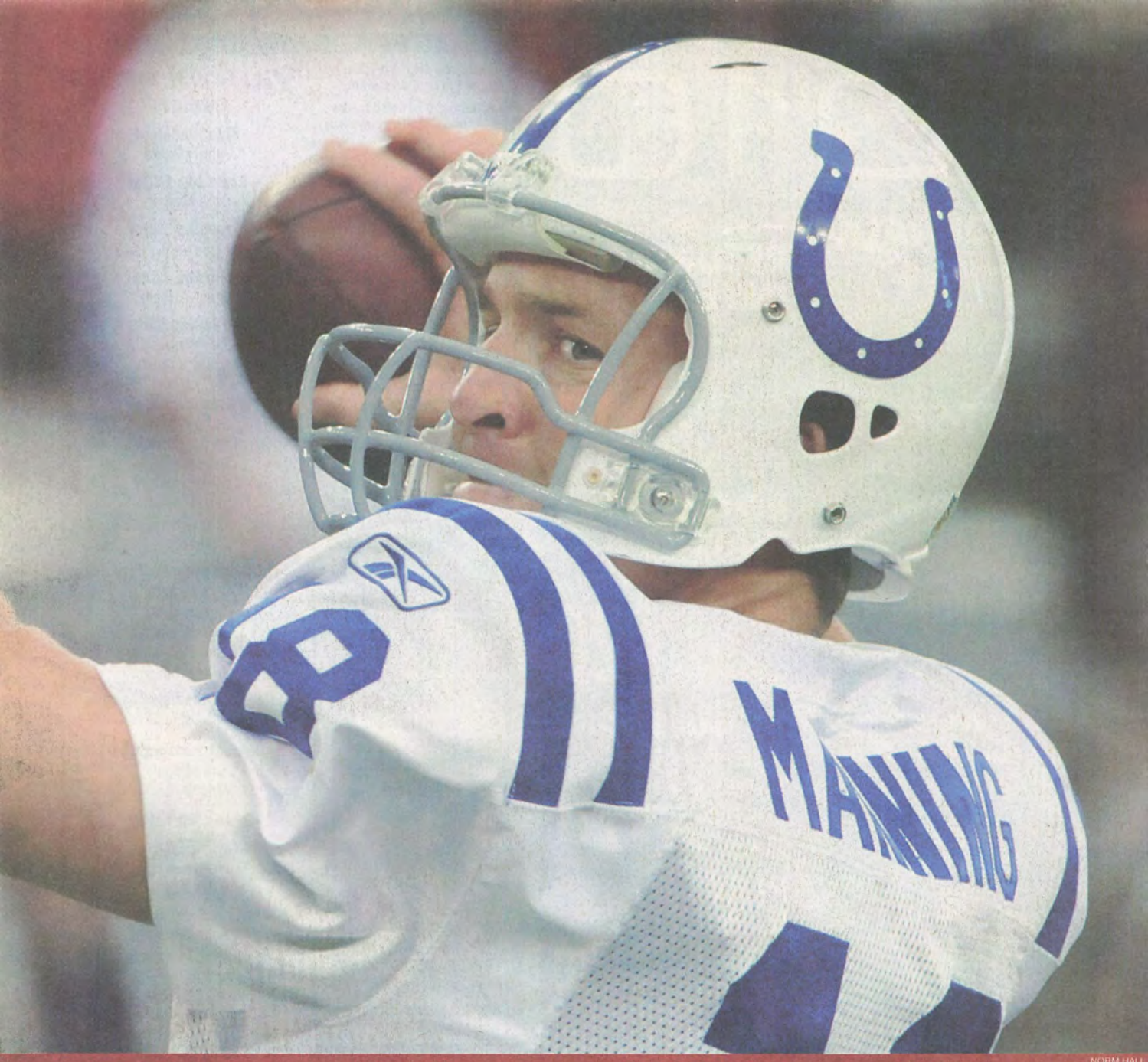

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2 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (10-6)	2 PITTSBURGH STEELERS (8-8)	2 HOUSTON TEXANS (9-7)	2 DENVER BRONCOS (6-10)
3 MIAMI DOLPHINS (9-7)	3 CINCINNATI BENGALS (7-9)	3 TENNESSEE TITANS (7-9)	3 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (5-11)
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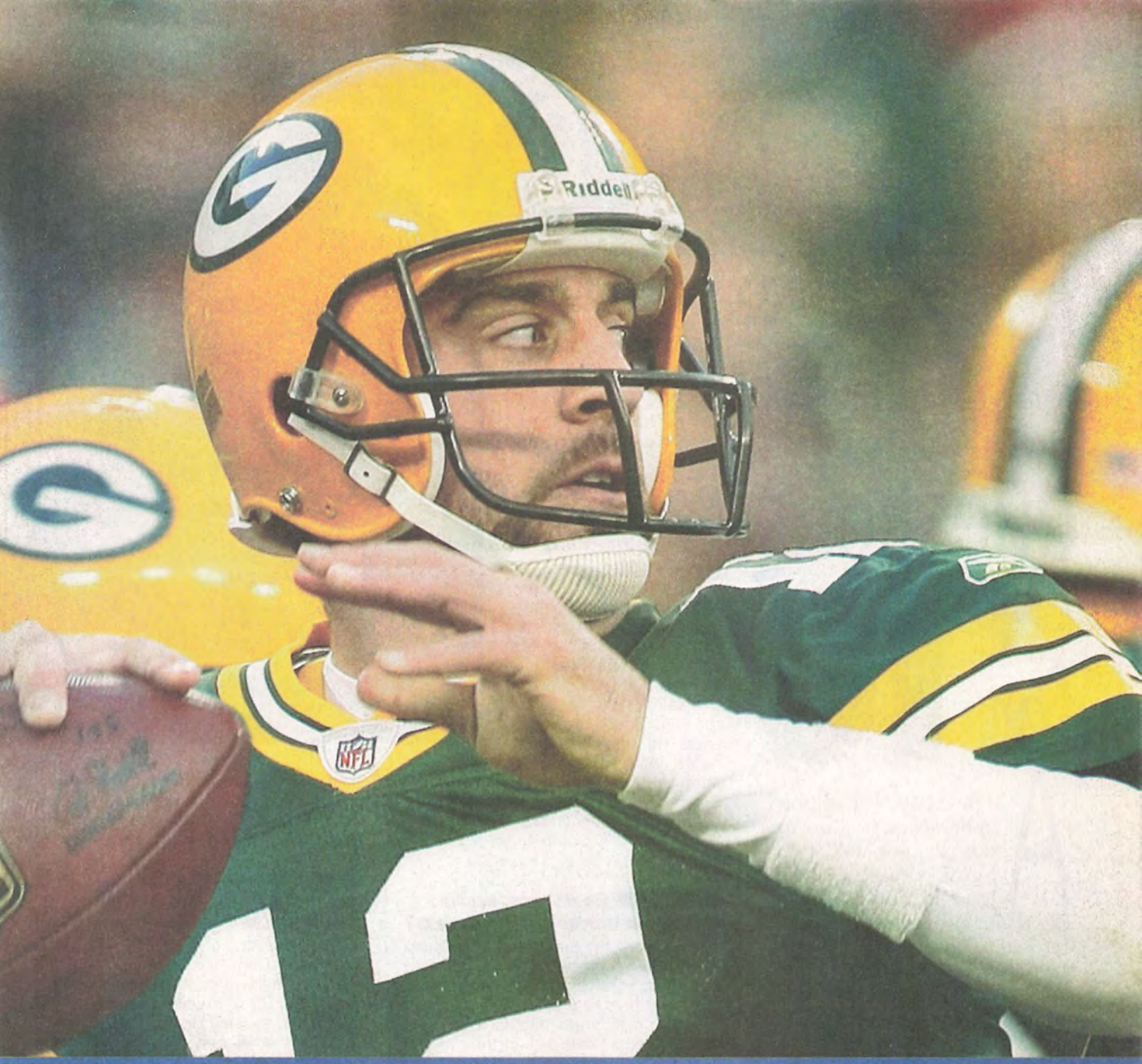

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1 DALLAS COWBOYS (10-6)	1 GREEN BAY PACKERS (13-3)	1 ATLANTA FALCONS (10-6)	1 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (9-7)
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10 questions for '10

As the 2010 NFL season approaches, it's time to take a closer look at 10 burning questions facing the NFL and its teams. The majority of the questions are devoted to on-field matters, but the first one on the list will be answered off the field. And it is the one foremost on everyone's mind:

1 Will the NFL avoid a work stoppage after the 2010 season?

NFL owners want players to receive a smaller share of revenue than they are entitled to in the current CBA, but the NFL Players Association isn't interested in making such a concession. Then there is the question of how owners share revenue with each other — another very contentious issue. With the U.S. economy slumping, NFL owners are taking more of a hard-line stance than in past negotiations, and with the NFLPA under new leadership, this could get very interesting.

2 Can Brett Favre recapture his Pro Bowl form of '09?

At presstime, the 40-year-old Favre hadn't declared whether he will return for a 20th NFL season, but with the Vikings one of the favorites to capture the NFC, it's to hard to see Favre not taking the field this season. The more interesting topic is how Favre follows his magical '09 season (33 TD passes, 107.2 QB rating). Anything close to that performance and the Vikings will be right back in the hunt to go to the Super Bowl.

3 Can the Saints stay on top in the tumultuous NFC South?

The NFC South has never had a team win back-to-back-division titles; it's something Buccaneers, Falcons and Panthers fans all know quite well. Now it's the Saints' turn to defend the NFC South crown. On paper, they look very formidable, with a balanced, potent offense led by Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees. But can New Orleans' defense rise to the occasion once again? If not, the "NFC South curse" could live another year.

4 Will the Bears' aggressive offseason moves spark success?

In February, the Bears hired Mike Martz as offensive coordinator. At the outset of free agency, they signed Panthers DE Julius Peppers to a $91 million contract with $42 million guaranteed. The Bears have pinned a great deal of their playoff hopes to both men. Martz will be charged with getting more out of QB Jay Cutler, who disappointed in his first season in Chicago. And Peppers, who has rare talent but a reputation for disappearing at times, will be expected to lift up a defense that has lost its luster in recent seasons.

5 Is a Mike Shanahan-Donovan McNabb combo a recipe for success in Washington?

It didn't come as a surprise when Redskins owner Daniel Snyder hired Shanahan; after nearly two seasons of unproven Jim Zorn struggling on the job, the Redskins were ready for an experienced coach. But the acquisition of McNabb, the Eagles' longtime starter, was unexpected. After all, the pre-draft chatter had the Redskins perhaps looking to groom a young passer. McNabb isn't young, but at 33, he is hardly old, and now he gets a chance to play in a Shanahan-designed offense. If nothing else, the Redskins' offense figures to be more interesting — and the two games against Philly will bring high drama.

6 How big will the new contracts be for the NFL's elite quarterbacks?

The contracts of Patriots QB Tom Brady and Colts QB Peyton Manning expire at the end of this season, while Saints QB Drew Brees' deal runs out after the '11 season. Each passer is likely to sign at least one more mammoth, multiyear contract, but who will command the most guaranteed money? And there's no way Brady or Manning would ever hit unrestricted free agency ... right?

7 Will Chris Johnson match his phenomenal 2009 production?

Johnson racked up 2,006 rushing yards last season, with 1,410 coming in the final 10 games. The question is whether he will be as effective this season as teams game-plan to stop the third-year back after having another offseason to study his tendencies — and whether the heavy workload he carried late last season will affect his play in 2010. Johnson carried 358 times last season and caught 50 passes.

8 How will the Colts bounce back from their Super Bowl XLIV loss?

The Colts looked poised to seize con-

trol early in Super Bowl XLIV, but the Saints fought back and eventually pulled away. In the aftermath, there was a new round of questions about QB Peyton Manning's ability to win big games, and team president Bill Polian publicly criticized the offensive line. The Colts' consistency in regular-season play is their hallmark, so perhaps they can quickly shake off this tough loss. If they don't, they could be vulnerable in a tough AFC South, particularly with Houston making major strides.

9 What will Tim Tebow bring to the Denver Broncos?

Tebow, who the Broncos selected 25th overall, is likely to back up Kyle Orton and play in special packages this season as he gets acclimated to the Broncos' offense. It's widely assumed his transition to the pro game will not be easy; can he prove his critics wrong, or will Josh McDaniels' bold move be regarded as folly?

10 Will the new overtime format be received positively?

The revised OT rules for the playoffs, essentially designed to take away the prospect of a team driving down and kicking a game-winning field goal on the first possession of overtime, add another layer of excitement to the game — and another potential headache for coaches, who must adjust to the new rules.

— MIKE WILKENING

PFW AND YAHOO! SPORTS PRESEASON POWER RANKINGS

RANK / TEAM	SB ODDS*	THE SKINNY
1 GREEN BAY PACKERS	8-1	Allowing 51 points in the wild-card loss will serve as summer-long motivation to improve defensively.
2 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	4-1	Will offensive line improve to Bill Polian's liking? If so, they could be special again.
3 SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	8-1	Easiest path to 12 wins is in AFC West, but division is improving — slowly.
4 MINNESOTA VIKINGS	7-1	Depth, talent, experience ... anything short of a Super Bowl will be a disappointment. Again.
5 BALTIMORE RAVENS	9-1	Sleeper title team might finally have the weapons on offense it needs.
6 NEW YORK JETS	11-2	Exciting offseason, but did they get rid of too many core guys and upset delicate chemistry?
7 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	17-2	All eyes on the pass rush as Bill Belichick takes bigger hand in the defense again.
8 DALLAS COWBOYS	13-2	You don't have to tell Jerry Jones where Super Bowl is being played this season. He'd like to be a participant.
9 ATLANTA FALCONS	22-1	To surpass the Saints, Matt Ryan must take another step and defense must grow some teeth.
10 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	10-1	Tenth? All Saints need for motivation is to find that few are picking them to repeat.
11 HOUSTON TEXANS	25-1	Is this the year? Brutal schedule, increased expectations might prevent greatness.
12 NEW YORK GIANTS	12-1	Tom Coughlin will not let what happened on defense (427 points allowed in 2009) occur again.
13 MIAMI DOLPHINS	20-1	With everyone talking Jets and Patriots, Dolphins might sneak up on folks once more.
14 CHICAGO BEARS	18-1	Banking heavily on free-agent improvements to save jobs of Lovie, Angelo.
15 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	28-1	Improved team all around, but QB play will determine if it makes postseason.
16 WASHINGTON REDSKINS	12-1	How many wins are Shanahan, McNabb worth in Year One? Thin roster, defensive switch could limit them.
17 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	16-1	We'll see if youth movement on "D" has same effect it did on offense last season.
18 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	15-1	Roethlisberger hangover has cast a pall, but defense could carry team through tough times.
19 CINCINNATI BENGALS	22-1	Pressure ever so slightly starting to increase for Carson Palmer to have better season.
20 TENNESSEE TITANS	28-1	Are they the 0-6 team that started last season or the one that finished 8-2? Maybe both.
21 ARIZONA CARDINALS	50-1	Severe losses start with quarterback, where Matt Leinart doesn't have a lot of leeway.
22 CAROLINA PANTHERS	40-1	Losing Peppers hurts, but run game could keep them competitive.
23 DENVER BRONCOS	50-1	Josh McDaniels is building an intriguing team, but that might not translate to more wins this year.
24 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	60-1	Can Garrard, Kampman turn back the clock to 2007? Jack Del Rio is counting on it.
25 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	40-1	An offseason of major changes has Seattle abuzz. But a one-year turnaround seems unlikely.
26 DETROIT LIONS	125-1	Slowly but surely, this team is getting better — especially up the middle on defense.
27 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	80-1	Big season for Matt Cassel, who now will have Charlie Weis in his ear all year.
28 OAKLAND RAIDERS	55-1	Dare we say they ... got better? Intriguing pieces on defense.
29 CLEVELAND BROWNS	75-1	Lack of offensive pizzazz is glaring.
30 ST. LOUIS RAMS	100-1	Let's hope Sam Bradford figures out how to take a hit between now and September.
31 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	100-1	Sailing upstream in very tough division with young roster. Best of luck.
32 BUFFALO BILLS	100-1	Trent Edwards vs. Brian Brohm not the sexy QB battle most were hoping for.

* — Odds to win SB XLV as of April 26, courtesy of MGM MIRAGE Race & Sports Book

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Q&A with TONY GONZALEZ

Tony Gonzalez is closer to the end of his future Hall of Fame career than to the beginning. He holds NFL records for catches, yards and TDs by a tight end. All that's left to accomplish in his career is winning a Super Bowl. He has hinted he might play only one more season, but Gonzalez — a health nut who has written a book called "The All Pro Diet" — says he might play four more seasons if he feels as good as he does now. Gonzalez spoke with PFW about the Falcons' chances to overtake the Saints and make the Super Bowl, the murky NFL labor situation and how long he'll play.

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PFW: You looked like a great fit in the Falcons' offense last season, but is it fair to say you fell short of what you thought the group could accomplish?

TG: I would definitely say we underachieved. There were a lot of games we let slip away, at least two of them we should have won. I expect a lot more out of us this year. We've had a year to work together, especially on the offensive side of the ball. But definitely last year was a learning experience for us, and it's a young football team.

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PFW: How good can Matt Ryan be? Is he ready to reach a Pro Bowl level?

TG: That's where he should play and can play. For Matt, it's just a matter of time. It's not 'if,' it's just 'when.' If he does what he has been doing, I honestly believe — I don't want to put any extra pressure on him — but I think that this is the year he comes out and excels. I don't say this for just anybody. But I know that it worked this way for me. By your third year, that should be when you start hitting your prime. You've had two years to start, you know what this game is all about, you know what it takes — at least, you should by now. Matt's going into his

NFL Rookie Meter

While it's premature to judge any given team's draft class based on its Year One production, numerous rookies make their presence felt immediately. In the first installment of PFW's 2010 Rookie Meter, we begin our season-long analysis of which first-year players are leading in the race for Rookie of the Year honors.

❶ C.J. Spiller
BILLS | RB

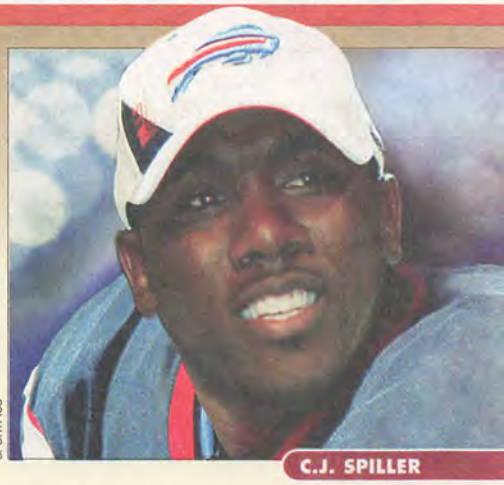
The Bills passed on bigger needs at offensive and defensive tackle at No. 9 overall in order to add Spiller, a rare talent who has the ability to find the end-zone every time he touches the ball. New head coach Chan Gailey will love figuring myriad ways to get the ball into Spiller's hands, and he can be expected to contribute as a runner, receiver and returner. For a team starving for playmakers, Spiller will be a highly welcome addition.

❷ Ben Tate
TEXANS | RB

Should be a great fit in a powerhouse Texans offense, with the skill set to contribute immediately as a strong runner with great instincts and speed. Remember what Steve Slaton did a couple of years ago for Gary Kubiak? Tate could have that kind of impact in Kubiak's RB-friendly scheme. Running behind a solid offensive line and with great talent at the QB and WR spots helps a lot, too.

❸ Ryan Mathews
CHARGERS | RB

There, no doubt, will be a lot of pressure on Mathews, who's being asked to fill LaDainian Tomlinson's enormous shoes. However, Mathews finds himself in a great situation and has the goods to deliver. With vision, strength and tackle-breaking ability, he can be the bell-cow back the Chargers have lacked the past two seasons. He should get plenty of scoring opportunities in a high-powered offense and has a coach in Norv Turner who knows how to utilize a lead back.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❹ Jermaine Gresham
BENGALS | TE

If you've watched Bengals games in recent years, it has been painfully obvious that they have lacked a middle-of-the-field threat to keep defenses honest. Gresham is very athletic, with great

third year, and there should be no surprises for him anymore. Honestly, the pressure should be eliminated. I think this year will be great for Matt if we can stay healthy. But for a quarterback, you've got to have the offensive line help you, you have to have time and have help at receiver. If we can do that, I think he's going to be really, really good this year.

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PFW: You watched the Saints have a storybook season. What will it take to overtake them in the division?

TG: Last year, if you watch those games, we easily could have had both games go our way. That Monday-night game in New Orleans, we should have won that game. I don't think we're too far off. That's why I am so excited about this year, and that's why I haven't been quiet about how good a team I think we are going to be ... if we stay healthy. If Michael Turner doesn't miss eight games, if Matt (Ryan) doesn't miss games, if we don't have two offensive linemen go down, we should be somewhere around the top five offensively. I am talking playoffs. No reason why we can't go far in the playoffs, and I am thinking Super Bowl. That's just the way I think. We have something to back it up. We're mature enough and we're old enough now. The Super Bowl is in my sights.

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PFW: You have said previously you will play this season and play it by ear after that. Are you still thinking that's the way you are going to approach it?

TG: Yeah. That's the way I have been doing it the past couple years. I want to get this year done and then if I feel good and can come back ... and I do feel great, and I really take care of my body. I am really passionate about that. I can play. Right now, if I wanted to, I could play another four years — easily. Barring any major injuries, of course.

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PFW: With all the records you have, is playing in a Super Bowl the last big achievement left on your checklist?

TG: Yes, plain and simple. It's what I have been playing this game so long for. There are other reasons to play this game, but at this point with all the things I have been able to accomplish in my career, I would love to win a Super Bowl. But it's not going to define me (if I don't). I have had a brilliant, fun, making-great-friends kind of career. It (hasn't been) all for naught.

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PFW: You are involved with the players' union and have expressed doubt about the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations. Can the two sides get a deal done before there's a lockout?

TG: It's going to be tough. You're dealing with some incredible egos here. Really, what it comes down to is money and (the owners') word against (the players') word. I have said before that it would be a shame if we didn't get on the same page. We have such a great product. It's such a great sport. The fans love it. I think I am biased, but it's the best sport in America. So it would be a shame for us to screw it all up. Yes, there's certainly a lot of money at stake, but come on, we're all making a really good living. I think there's a way we all could come to a compromise and get a deal that is fair for everybody. I really hope we get it done. I really do. But do I think it will? I don't think it will happen. I don't think we'll get it done before the deadline. I think we will have a lockout from the owners. But I do know this, and this is very important: The players are united on this, and we'll stay united. And the owners, I want them to have a fair deal, too. I want everybody to be happy.

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hands and the speed to make plays downfield. He should become a favorite target of Carson Palmer in short order.

5 Eric Berry
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Berry has the ball skills, athleticism and instincts to be special from Day One. He immediately upgrades a young Chiefs secondary, and because he always seems to be around the ball, odds are good he'll put up big numbers.

6 Ndamukong Suh
LIONS | DT

Even though it usually takes defensive tackles time to adjust to the pro game, look for Jim Schwartz to create ways to put the highly productive Suh in position to do what he does best — make plays.

7 Maurkice Pouncey
STEELERS | C-OG

Has the ability to be the next great Steelers center in a long line of them. The team needs an upgrade in the interior of its line, and the talented Pouncey promises to do just that from Day One.

8 Earl Thomas
SEAHAWKS | FS

It said a lot when Seahawks coach Pete Carroll selected Thomas ahead of USC's Taylor Mays, whose limitations in coverage helped swing things in Thomas' favor. The ex-Longhorn has great ball skills and will give Seattle a much-needed interception threat.

9 Rolando McClain
RAIDERS | MLB

The Raiders traded productive Kirk Morrison to open up the MLB spot for McClain. His size, smarts and ability should make him a tackle machine.

10 Jahvid Best
LIONS | RB

With Kevin Smith coming off a knee injury and not a good fit in Detroit's offense, the exciting Best could get a great opportunity to excel in what should be a much-improved offense.

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WORTH KEEPING AN EYE ON:

QB JIMMY CLAUSEN PANTHERS
OLB SERGIO KINDLE RAVENS
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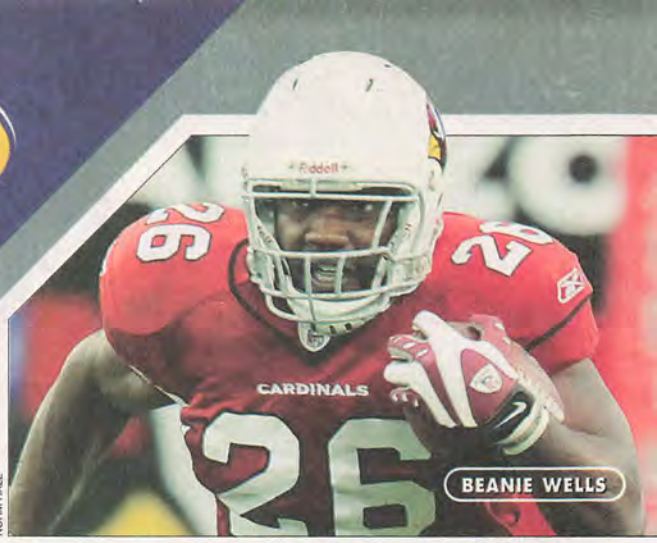

NORM HALL

Developments from late in the 2009 campaign and a busy offseason have altered the fantasy picture for '10. Here are the players who have seen their value skyrocket or plummet most entering a new season.

▲ QB KEVIN KOLB | Eagles

With longtime starter Donovan McNabb traded to Washington in April, Kolb takes over the reins of an Eagles offense filled with talented pass catchers. Kolb excelled in his two starts last season, throwing for 718 yards, four TDs and three INTs. With a full offseason to prepare, Kolb, who turns 26 in August, should be a big-time sleeper in 2010.

▲ QB JOE FLACCO | Ravens

Flacco might have cooled off after a red-hot first half, but his stock is back on the climb heading into 2010. Following the Ravens' acquisition of Anquan Boldin, the young, rocket-armed passer now has a bona fide stud receiver at his disposal. Coupled with veteran Derrick Mason, the duo should provide Flacco with all the weapons necessary for him to post big numbers.

▲ RB SHONN GREENE | Jets

The Jets' release of Thomas Jones has opened the door for Greene to lead the way for the NFL's top-ranked rushing attack. During the team's three-game playoff run, Greene had the look of a fantasy star, rushing for 304 yards and two TDs on 54 carries. Even with LaDainian Tomlinson in town, the second-year back should be extremely productive.

▲ RB BEANIE WELLS | Cardinals

Now that QB Kurt Warner has retired and Matt Leinart will be under center, the Cards are expected to be a much more balanced attack in 2010. That benefits Wells, who finished his rookie year strong (49-257-3 in Weeks 14-16) and should see a dramatic increase in action this season. Tim Hightower is still around, but the supertalented Wells should easily pace the Arizona backfield.

▲ WR MIKE WALLACE | Steelers

Wallace showed glimpses of greatness as a rookie, but his potential is off the charts now that the Steelers have traded WR Santonio Holmes to the Jets. Last season's league leader in yards per catch at 19.4, Wallace ranks among the NFL's faster wideouts and is extremely difficult to cover one-on-one. Increased opportunities as a starter have his fantasy value rapidly rising.

▼ QB KYLE ORTON | Broncos

Orton is coming off his most productive pro season, but his 2010 fantasy prospects took a major blow when the Broncos dealt WR Brandon Marshall to Miami. Without a proven No. 1 receiver on the roster to make up for Marshall's 100-plus catches, Orton could struggle to put up numbers throwing to likely starters Eddie Royal and Jabar Gaffney. He's a fantasy backup — at best.

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NFL DRAFT 2011

2011 Nolan Nawrocki's early preview of next year's NFL draft

Based on very preliminary evaluations, following are 10 of the top prospects for next year's draft:

QB JAKE LOCKER | Washington

Tremendous athlete with a rare physical skill set and top-notch intangibles, toughness and competitiveness. Should make significant strides in his second year under Steve Sarkisian and enters the 2011 campaign as the top prospect.

DT MARCELL DAREUS | Alabama (Jr.)

A strong, powerful disrupter, Dareus dominated the BCS championship game, knocking out Colt McCoy, and stands out like a man among boys.

DE ADRIAN CLAYBURN | Iowa

Has outstanding size and strength and will appeal to a variety of teams because of his ability to stack the run and consistently make plays behind the line.

CB PATRICK PETERSON | LSU (Jr.)

Big, physical, supremely confident, shutdown cover man who has proved himself against the SEC's top receivers.

WR A.J. GREEN | Georgia (Jr.)

Is one of the more elite receiver talents to emerge since Randy Moss in the mid-1990s. Has terrific length, fluid movement skills, soft hands and a giant catching radius. Makes it look easy at times. Is a bona fide No. 1 NFL receiver in the making.

DE CAMERON HEYWARD | Ohio State

The son of former NFL RB Craig "Ironhead" Heyward, Cameron is one of the stronger players in college. Regularly rag-dolls opponents and will be coveted by 3-4 teams desirous of a five-technique.

WR JULIO JONES | Alabama (Jr.)

Looks every bit the part with mismatch

RB KEVIN SMITH | Lions

A fantasy sleeper at this time last year, Smith has numerous concerns going into 2010 season. In addition to the fact that nearly all of his numbers dropped off, he also suffered a torn ACL and injuries to both shoulders in '09. There's skepticism about him being ready for Week One, and with the Lions drafting Jahvid Best in the first round, Smith's value is on the decline.

RB MARION BARBER | Cowboys

Although he remained a solid producer last season, Barber could be about to lose his No. 1 job. The reason: the emergence of Felix Jones, a younger, faster big-play machine who has been hobbled by injury but appears healthy and ready to seize the starting spot. Barber should maintain a fairly sizable role in the offense, but Jones is the Cowboys' back to own this year.

WR WES WELKER | Patriots

If not for an injury suffered in Week 17 of '09, Welker would have been one of the first receivers off the board this summer. Unfortunately, he tore both his ACL and MCL in that contest, and the fact that he reportedly is rehabbing a torn rotator cuff. Add it up, and Welker will be lucky to see the field before Thanksgiving, severely limiting his 2010 potential.

TE GREG OLSEN | Bears

While Mike Martz's arrival in Chicago could spark the Bears' offense, it's terrible news for Olsen, who already was struggling to meet lofty standards. That's because tight ends generally have been ignored in Martz's schemes, something unlikely to change this time around, especially with the club giving a hefty paycheck to blocking TE Brandon Manumaleuna.

— MICHAEL BLUNDA

size and length. Competitive, strong-handed target was an impact player from Day One in a championship program. Could be compared to Green for years to come.

DT MARVIN AUSTIN | North Carolina

Has yet to live up to his potential but is stoutly built, light on his feet and flashes disruptive ability. One of several highly talented returning Tar Heels defenders.

OLB VON MILLER | Texas A&M

The type of defensive playmaker the Aggies fielded in their defensive heyday. Miller led the nation in sacks as a junior and has explosive burst off the edge.

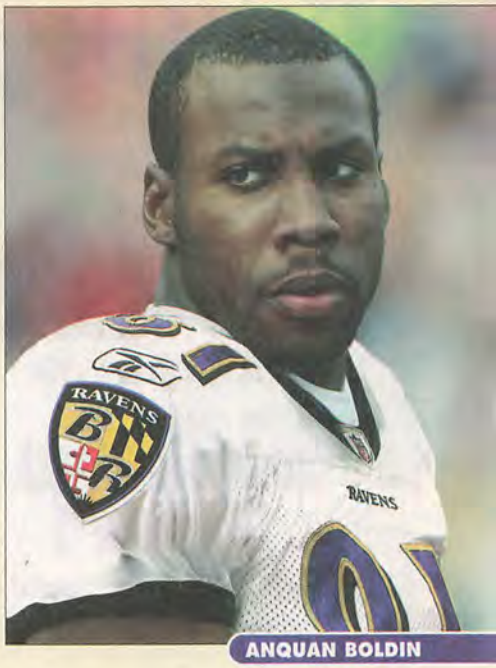
DE Da'QUAN BOWERS | Clemson (Jr.)

Was regarded as the top player in the nation coming out of high school but was slowed by a knee injury last fall. Has the physical tools to develop into a legitimate first-round pass rusher. Figures to be a marked man as a junior.

SWAP MEET

The eight players traded this year who have the most to prove in 2010

The NFL isn't known for its trades — don't get us started on its absurdly early, passes-every-year-with-a-whimper trade deadline — but more than a few intriguing deals were struck this offseason. With the busy days of free agency and the draft already in the books, here's our take on the eight traded players with the most to prove in 2010:



ANQUAN BOLDIN

1 Seahawks QB Charlie Whitehurst

The Seahawks believe that Whitehurst, who didn't attempt a single pass in four seasons with the Chargers, can be Matt Hasselbeck's successor, and perhaps as soon as this season. The Seahawks swapped second-round picks with San Diego and sent their 2011 third-rounder to the Chargers. Seattle also signed Whitehurst to a two-year contract worth up to $10 million. This trade will either be a stroke of genius or a major flop; there doesn't seem to be an in-between.

2 Dolphins WR Brandon Marshall

Marshall gets a new start with the Dolphins, who acquired him for a pair of second-round picks and signed him to a five-year contract worth as much as $47.3 million. Marshall has caught more than 100 passes in three consecutive seasons in two different offenses, so adjusting to Miami's attack shouldn't be too much of a problem. However, considering his contract and the draft picks surrendered to acquire him, the pressure on Marshall to perform will be considerable.

3 Redskins QB Donovan McNabb

McNabb will have the opportunity to significantly bolster his legacy. If he plays at a high level for several more seasons and makes the Redskins a playoff contender, history will remember him that much more kindly. The Eagles cast aside McNabb's résumé for Kevin Kolb's potential. McNabb can prove them wrong.

4 Jets WR Santonio Holmes

Holmes' performance didn't get him traded from Pittsburgh for just a fifth-round pick; a history of off-the-field incidents did. Holmes, who's in the final year of his contract, will miss the first four games of this season, serving a suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. In short, he'll have just three-quarters of a season to produce in a run-first offense with a second-year quarterback (Mark Sanchez) while playing in the league's biggest media market. That's pressure.

5 Jets CB Antonio Cromartie

Cromartie looked like he would be a shutdown corner for many years to come after intercepting 10 passes for San Diego in 2007, but his progress has stagnated since then, and the Chargers were willing to trade him for a conditional 2011 third-round pick (which can be as high as a second-rounder). Cromartie is going to have no shortage of interception chances; teams surely won't be throwing much at Darrelle Revis, the Jets' other corner.

6 Cardinals S Kerry Rhodes

Rhodes didn't fit in Rex Ryan's Jets defense and was even benched for two games. He gets a fresh start with the Cardinals, who traded a fourth-round pick in 2010 and a seventh-rounder in 2011 for the free safety. Rhodes, who has intercepted 15 passes in five seasons, replaces Antrel Rolle. He will play opposite Adrian Wilson, one of the game's top strong safeties.

7 Ravens WR Anquan Boldin

The Ravens, seeking WR help, traded third- and fourth-round picks in the 2010 draft to Arizona for Boldin. Baltimore, which also received a 2010 fifth-round pick, gave Boldin a three-year, $25 million contract. For that sort of money, the Ravens will expect Boldin to take their passing game to greater heights.

8 Broncos QB Brady Quinn

Can Quinn, who the Browns gave up on after three seasons, win the starting job in Denver? He faces an uphill battle; incumbent Kyle Orton had a career-best season in 2009, and first-round pick Tim Tebow is the QB of the future. Even if he can't win the job, Quinn can start to rebuild his reputation with a strong training camp and preseason.

— MIKE WILKENING

SNEAK PEEK

10 games that deserve must-see status — in chronological order

From the beginning to the end, scintillating matchups are on tap on a weekly basis in a 2010 NFL schedule intentionally stacked with more divisional games in the final three weeks of the season, in the hope of providing more meaningful clashes down the stretch. What follows is a look at 10 particularly compelling games that are worth marking down on your calendar at your earliest convenience. All games are listed in Eastern time.

VIKINGS AT SAINTS

Week One: Thursday, Sept. 9, 8:30 p.m. — A rematch of last season's NFC championship game won in overtime by the eventual Super Bowl champion Saints starts the year off with a bang, assuming Brett Favre is back for another year.

RAVENS AT JETS

Week One: Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. — Look for colorful Jets head coach Rex Ryan to have an industrial-sized chip on his shoulder against a hard-nosed Ravens team that opted for John Harbaugh over Ryan as Brian Billick's replacement.

GIANTS AT COLTS

Week Two: Sunday, Sept. 19, 8:20 p.m. — There won't be much brotherly love in "Manning Bowl II" as Eli Manning will be out for revenge against brother Peyton, the league MVP the past two seasons.

VIKINGS AT PACKERS

Week Seven: Sunday, Oct. 24, 8:20 p.m. — Again, we're banking on Brett Favre returning to Lambeau Field, where he made life miserable for Packers fans in a 38-26 Vikings victory in Week Eight last season.

STEELERS AT SAINTS

Week Eight: Sunday, Oct. 31, 8:20 p.m. — In what could be one of his first games back after a season-starting suspension, will Ben Roethlisberger strike out when matched up against both the Super Bowl champion Saints *and* the World Series?

CHARGERS AT TEXANS

Week Nine: Sunday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. — A red-hot barn burner is more than a little likely with San Diego's Philip Rivers trying to outduel Houston's Matt Schaub.

EAGLES AT REDSKINS

Week 10: Monday, Nov. 15, 8:30 p.m. — Prime-time electricity will no doubt fill the air at FedEx Field in Redskins QB Donovan McNabb's second encounter of the season against his old team.

COLTS AT PATRIOTS

Week 11: Sunday, Nov. 21, 4:15 p.m. — A popular matchup that always is worth the price of admission. Will Bill Belichick have another baffling brain cramp?

SAINTS AT COWBOYS

Week 12: Thursday, Nov. 25, 4:15 p.m. — For the first time in recent memory, we will be treated to a Thanksgiving game in "Big D" that will not be a real turkey.

BEARS AT PACKERS

Week 17: Sunday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m. — A cast of high-profile characters, including Jay Cutler, Aaron Rodgers, Julius Peppers and Charles Woodson, will be out for blood.

— DAN ARKUSH

Déjà

FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACHES HAVE A FAMILIAR FEEL

In an offseason that saw the least head-coaching turnover since 2005, NFL owners reversed a recent trend and chose experience over youth. There are three teams with new head coaches for 2010, and the men calling the shots are familiar faces. Mike Shanahan in Washington, Chan Gailey in Buffalo and Pete Carroll in Seattle all have previous NFL head-coaching experience, with two of them having earlier held multiple top jobs in the league.

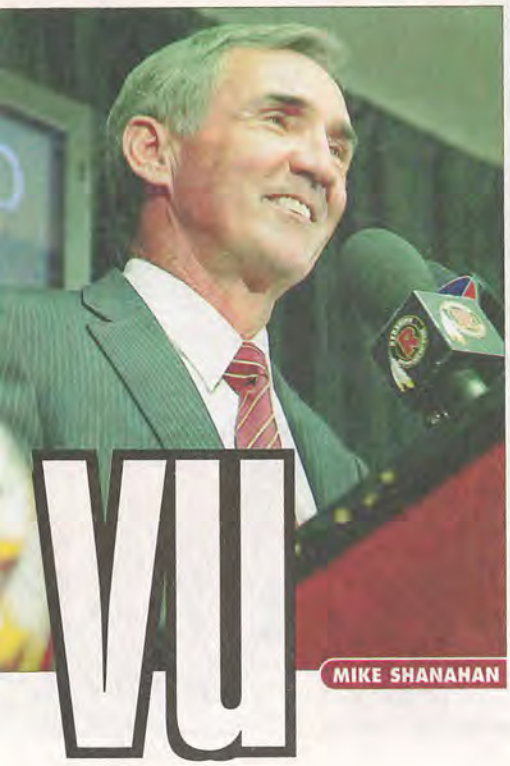
This is a different strategy than in recent years, when teams more often than not hired the hot, young assistant instead of the recycled candidates.

From 2005-09, 35 NFL head coaches were hired. During that stretch, 28 of the coaches hired — or 80 percent — were getting their first shot at controlling an NFL team.

Do the hirings of retread candidates in 2010 signal a new cycle of head coaches getting second or third chances within the league? Perhaps. With names like Bill Cowher, Jon Gruden and Brian Billick — each of whom possesses a Super Bowl ring — still missing from NFL sidelines this season, there is no doubt that retreads once again will be in play next offseason.

Current NFL assistants Gregg Williams and Mike Nolan could see their stars rise again, too, if they continue to work their defensive magic in New Orleans and Miami, respectively.

What follows is a quick look at what each of



BY THE NUMBERS: 32 NFL HEAD COACHES

There was no subjective analysis used in compiling the list below. This is not a list based on perceived ability to coach an NFL team. Rather, it is simply an objective look at how much success each of the current 32 NFL head coaches has enjoyed to date. Coaches are listed in order based on their regular-season winning percentage.

	REGULAR SEASON				POSTSEASON				
COACH / TEAM	W	L	T	W%	W	L	T	W%	THE SKINNY
Jim Caldwell / Colts	14	2	0	.875	2	1	0	.667	▶Great first year. Can he do it long term?
Mike Tomlin / Steelers	31	17	0	.646	3	1	0	.750	▶Average 2009 brought down his percentage.
John Harbaugh / Ravens	20	12	0	.625	3	2	0	.600	▶All playoff wins have been on the road.
Mike Smith / Falcons	20	12	0	.625	0	1	0	.000	▶Needs postseason success to join elite.
Bill Belichick / Patriots	148	92	0	.617	15	5	0	.750	▶Recent big-game failures have surprised.
Andy Reid / Eagles	108	67	1	.617	10	8	0	.556	▶Most of those 118 wins were with McNabb.
Wade Phillips / Cowboys	81	54	0	.600	1	5	0	.167	▶And to think he had to save his job — again.
Mike Shanahan* / Redskins	146	98	0	.598	8	5	0	.615	▶Having winning quarterbacks has helped.
Sean Payton / Saints	38	26	0	.594	4	1	0	.800	▶Aggressive coach is an offensive guru.
Mike McCarthy / Packers	38	26	0	.594	1	2	0	.333	▶Strong second half in '09 solidified status.
Brad Childress / Vikings	36	28	0	.563	1	2	0	.333	▶Recent extension a result of great '09.
Tony Sparano / Dolphins	18	14	0	.563	0	1	0	.000	▶Needs playoff berth to stay off hot seat.
Chan Gailey* / Bills	18	14	0	.563	0	2	0	.000	▶One division title in two seasons (1998-99).
Ken Whisenhunt / Cardinals	27	21	0	.563	4	2	0	.667	▶Earned every penny of new four-year deal.
Rex Ryan / Jets	9	7	0	.563	2	1	0	.667	▶His hiring was a brilliant move by the Jets.
John Fox / Panthers	71	57	0	.555	5	3	0	.625	▶In contract year, his future is unclear.
Jeff Fisher / Titans	136	110	0	.553	5	6	0	.455	▶Titans' last playoff win came in 2003.
Tom Coughlin / Giants	123	101	0	.549	8	7	0	.533	▶Super Bowl win buys him another year.
Lovie Smith / Bears	52	44	0	.542	2	2	0	.500	▶Needs much-improved 2010 season or else.
Mike Singletary / 49ers	13	12	0	.520	0	0	0	.000	▶Great motivator, but not-so-great tactician.
Pete Carroll* / Seahawks	33	31	0	.516	1	2	0	.333	▶Coaching skills will be tested to the max.
Jack Del Rio / Jaguars	57	55	0	.509	1	2	0	.333	▶Has had to fight for job despite solid mark.
Marvin Lewis / Bengals	56	55	1	.505	0	2	0	.000	▶Best coaching job came in 2009.
Josh McDaniels / Broncos	8	8	0	.500	0	0	0	.000	▶Second-half meltdown marred first season.
Gary Kubiak / Texans	31	33	0	.484	0	0	0	.000	▶Led Texans to first winning season in 2009.
Norv Turner / Chargers	90	98	1	.479	4	4	0	.500	▶Three straight division crowns in San Diego.
Eric Mangini / Browns	28	36	0	.438	0	1	0	.000	▶Hasn't led a team to playoffs since 2006.
Tom Cable / Raiders	9	19	0	.321	0	0	0	.000	▶Likely will need big year to save job.
Todd Haley / Chiefs	4	12	0	.250	0	0	0	.000	▶Mostly struggled in first year as head man.
Raheem Morris / Buccaneers	3	13	0	.188	0	0	0	.000	▶Leading rebuilding effort no easy task.
Jim Schwartz / Lions	2	14	0	.125	0	0	0	.000	▶Inherited mess, but one loss was to Rams.
Steve Spagnuolo / Rams	1	15	0	.063	0	0	0	.000	▶Grace period is over. Must turn it up a notch.

* — ENTERING FIRST SEASON IN CURRENT HEAD-COACHING POSITION.

this year's "new" head coaches brings to his team.

PETE CARROLL
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

When the Seahawks first dropped the bomb on an unsuspecting Jim Mora with the intention of replacing him with the high-profile Carroll, there was a bit of a backlash locally in defense of Mora. But pretty quickly after the 58-year-old Carroll signed a five-year deal reportedly worth up to $35 million to become the eighth head coach in the team's history, as well as the Seahawks' executive vice president, the tide seemed to turn. While Carroll became a West Coast icon at USC by virtue of a 97-19 record with seven bowl-game victories, including back-to-back national championships in 2003-04, his NFL résumé isn't nearly as impressive. In two previous stints as the head coach of the Jets (1994) and Patriots (1997-99), Carroll compiled a 33-31 regular-season record and a 1-2 mark in the playoffs. Granted the final say in all personnel matters by Seahawks CEO Tod Leiweke, Carroll will have the same autonomy he enjoyed at USC.

CHAN GAILEY
BUFFALO BILLS

It has been more than a decade since Gailey was a head coach in the NFL, but he has returned to help bring the Bills back from obscurity. Compiling an 18-14 record in two seasons with the Cowboys in 1998-99, including one division title, Gailey has spent the bulk of his time since then in the collegiate ranks, working six seasons as the field boss at Georgia Tech. After being turned down by more high-profile coaching names, new Bills GM Buddy Nix ultimately decided on Gailey because of his experience and offensive background, an area in which the club struggled in 2009. The 58-year-old could have trouble turning around the offense quickly, though, as he lacks a legitimate quarterback, is low on receiving talent and has issues along the line. With his hire not exactly thrilling the Bills' fan base, the pressure will be on Gailey to win right away or risk losing a group of supporters who have been loyal to the team through thick and thin.

MIKE SHANAHAN
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Even with a 15-17 record in his final two seasons in Denver, Shanahan has won 60 percent of his NFL games (including playoffs) and two Super Bowl titles. But those came in John Elway's final two seasons, and the knock against Shanahan has been that he hasn't won the big games without the Hall of Fame QB. But Shanahan has another winner in QB Donovan McNabb, who had a .651 winning percentage in Philadelphia, and the two could speed up the rebuilding process immediately. Coaching for the first time with his son, Kyle, who will call plays, Shanahan is expected to bring his patented offense — don't forget about the run game, which has been his staple — to perhaps the most loaded division in all of football.

— PFW STAFF

PETE CARROLL

QUICK STUDIES

LAST YEAR'S ROOKIE RECEIVERS WERE AS ADVANCED A GROUP TO COME ALONG IN YEARS. BUT WAS IT A ONE-YEAR ABERRATION OR A SIGN OF THINGS CHANGING IN THE NFL?

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You couldn't blame Vikings WR coach George Stewart for having preconceived notions about wide receivers, and certainly about rookie receivers. Coaching the position in the NFL the past 14 years, Stewart has worked with two of the all-time best at the position, Jerry Rice and Terrell Owens in San Francisco, and helped turn Roddy White into a star in Atlanta.

Stewart coached Rice when he was well into his Hall of Fame career but started with the other two at the beginnings of their careers. Owens caught only 35 passes as a rookie in 1996, and White didn't break out until his third season. And with the Vikings more recently, Stewart watched as highly regarded former second-rounder Sidney Rice had struggled to progress during his first two seasons in the league.

So it wouldn't have shocked Stewart if Percy Harvin, the Vikings' first-round pick last year, who spent more time in college as a running back than as a wideout, was far from a complete package in his first season.

"There are very few Randy Mosses coming into this league, very few Anquan Boldins, guys who dominate from the start," Stewart said last June, building a protective shield around his highly touted rookie.

Except that every time Harvin touched the ball — first in minicamps, then in training camp — Stewart saw a blur. He could tell that the pro game was not too big for Harvin. The toughness, the drive, the physical tools — they were all there. By season's end, after Harvin shined as a receiver, runner and returner, Stewart had changed his tune.

"The bar for Percy Harvin is as high as he wants to set it," Stewart said in January. "Really, the sky is the limit. I can't imagine how good he can be ... and he didn't even start as a rookie."

Harvin, the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year, was at the head of an unusually advanced and mature crop of rookie wide receivers last season who appeared to be way ahead of the typical first-year curve at the position. Although none put up Moss- or Boldin-like stats, they appear to have comprised the deepest, most consistent rookie class of wideouts to come along in years.

What's interesting is that many of its top performers — Hakeem Nicks, Jeremy Maclin and Kenny Britt includ-

KEITH RANDOLPH (HARVIN), AP (BRITT, HICKS, MACLIN), SPORTPICS (CRABTREE)

ed — still might not be household names leaguewide. In fact, the diverse group featured an interesting mix of hype (Harvin and Michael Crabtree), mid-round overachievers (Austin Collie, Mike Wallace and Louis Murphy), a small-school wonder (Johnny Knox) and even a converted option quarterback (Julian Edelman).

None of these rookies had more than 60 catches or surpassed the 800-yard mark. Only four of them caught more than five touchdowns, and only Cleveland's Mohamed Massaquoi led his team in receiving. But several rookie receivers played key roles with their respective teams and enter the 2010 season with a chance to be featured even more in Year Two.

But was this a once-in-a-decade class of strength at one position? Or more of an indication of the direction in which the league is heading?

There's evidence for the latter.

Since 1999, Eagles head coach Andy Reid has thrown the ball nearly 60 percent of the time. And from 1999 to 2007, the team drafted 10 receivers, but none of them caught more than 43 passes in their first year. The adage became that it took three years for a receiver to fully learn Reid's West Coast system.

If that's the case, it's hard to imagine how good DeSean Jackson and Maclin will become. Two drafts in a row the Eagles struck gold, first nabbing Jackson in the middle of Round Two in 2008 and landing Maclin with the 19th overall pick in '09. Both were outstanding as rookies, forcing their way into Reid's starting lineup and catching a combined 118 catches for 1,685 yards.

For Maclin, the quick adjustment was surprising, considering he came from a spread system at Missouri to the Eagles' West Coast offense.

"It was neat to watch him compete last year," Reid said. "He's a very intelligent kid. Came from a completely different offense (than what the Eagles run). DeSean, there were a lot of similarities between what we run and what he ran at Cal. But Maclin, very little. He came in and worked very hard getting routes down. But again, you're dealing with a kid who is highly intelligent and has a great desire to do well."

"I am a pretty fast learner," Maclin told PFW. "I am the type of guy who, if you tell me something once, that's all you have to do. You don't need to constantly repeat things to me.

"I think the guys in this organization, they want the best guys to be on the field, no matter if it's a rookie or not."

Crabtree made a similar adjustment from the college spread. Throw in the fact that he had one of the longest holdouts of any rookie in years, and it would not have been surprising if the 10th pick in the draft had been a nonfactor his first season. But to his credit, Crabtree worked hard when he arrived, crammed on the 49ers' offense and became an instant contributor, catching 48 passes for 625 yards in his 11 starts.

"I expect him to take a big step forward," 49ers head coach Mike Singletary said of Crabtree. "He came in and had production for us at a position where a lot of rookies don't, with him missing the five weeks and all of training camp."

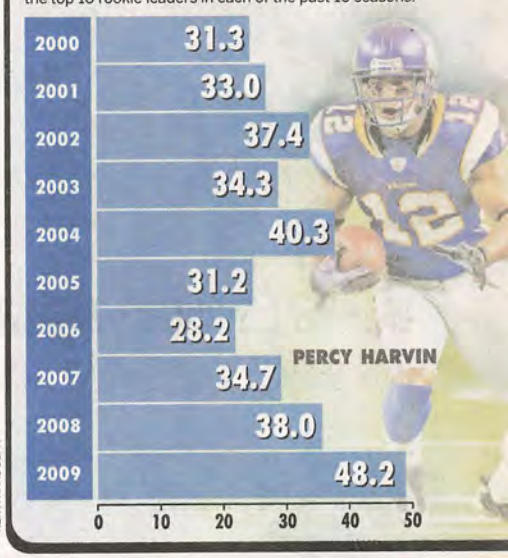
But did last year's rookie wideouts help change the notion that they are typically going to be two-, three- and sometimes four-year projects?

"I think, of all the positions, that is probably one of the positions where you can play early, but there are always going to be exceptions," said Titans head coach Jeff Fisher, who watched Britt catch 42 passes (including the fourth-down game-winner against the Cardinals as time expired) and average 16.7 yards a grab. "Some guys still struggle with concepts and adjusting and things like that."

Fisher's former defensive coordinator, Lions head coach Jim Schwartz, agrees with the latter point but says he doesn't think first-year receivers as a group are necessarily developing faster. He

ROOKIE RECEPTION LEADERS

This chart shows the average number of receptions of the top 10 rookie leaders in each of the past 10 seasons.



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watched as Lions third-round pick Derrick Williams failed to make a significant impact in his first pro season.

"For some reason, a lot of wide receivers don't show what they are going to be that first year," Schwartz said. "I think what you'd see, if you really studied it, is the number of wide receivers (drafted) is high. I don't know that the percentage of guys being productive is higher (than other positions). It's just that there are so many of them drafted that you say, 'Wow, look at that rookie. Look at that rookie.' You sort of lose perspective of how many guys were out there at first."

It's true. Over the past decade, wide receiver has been the most-drafted position in many years, even in 2008, when none went in the first round. Most teams opt to keep five, even six or seven, receivers on the 53-man roster.

But it's hard to deny the depth of last year's class. Eleven rookie wideouts had more than 500 yards receiving, an NFL record; no other season this decade had more than five. Ten caught more than 35 passes last season; in only one other season this decade was there more than five. And though no rookie wideout caught more than Collie's seven touchdowns in '09, five rookie receivers had more than four TDs; only 16 other rookies in the previous nine seasons reached that mark.

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AUSTIN COLLIE

There are several factors why there were more first-year standouts at the position last season.

One is greater expectations and more opportunities. In general, more rookies are being asked to produce right away. "This is becoming a league where you need to get the players ready in a hurry, and they are going to have to play early," Chiefs GM Scott Pioli said.

Another reason is physical ability. "Guys seem more advanced now than when I first came into the league (in 2002). More advanced physically and mentally. You can't treat these guys like rookies anymore," said Redskins CB Phillip Buchanon, who faced productive rookies Harvin, Knox, Wallace and Massaquoi last season as a member of the Lions.

The college game, at least in terms of throwing the football, is catching up to the pros in that respect.

"There's no question about it. What's happening in college right now with the receivers coming out and the way that they have been used in their offenses, it has put them ahead of the curve," Dolphins head coach Tony Sparano said. "The coaching and the systems now, the spread offenses, they prepare the receivers a little more for our level."

Jaguars head coach Jack Del Rio agrees.

"I think there are more teams that are working on the passing game in college than ever before," Del Rio said. "For a long time, the pro game was about passing; the college game was about running the ball ...

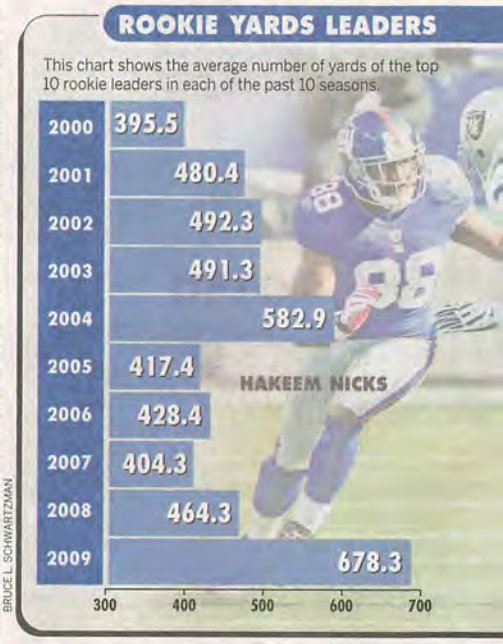
"I think it has gone to a more wide-open, aerial attack in college, so you're getting more numbers of players ready to run routes as they come into the NFL. Plus, college players are seeing more pro-style coverages at that level."

In the case of Collie, who caught 215 passes and 30 TDs in three seasons at Brigham Young, it was a case of experience and maturity. In addition to playing in one of the more prolific passing offenses with the Colts, he also entered the league at age 23 following a two-year church mission. QB Peyton Manning felt that made the transition easier for Collie, who had a rookie-best 60 receptions (tied with Harvin) and seven TD catches.

"Of course, Austin is a rookie," Manning said at the Super Bowl, "although he is a little more mature for a rookie, after serving his mission. I think that served him well, being a more mature guy.

"(He) utilized his time in minicamps and in our summer-school sessions and training camp and was ready to play. But you never know how a guy is going to respond when the lights come on. (He had) a confident look in (his) eyes. The game has never appeared too big for (him), never overwhelmed (him)."

Another factor behind the proliferation of standout rookie wide receivers is that the passing game has exploded at the NFL level. From the 2000 season to '09, passing yards per game went from 206.9 to 218.5, a 5.6 percent increase, and the touchdown passes in the league went from 634 in '00 to 710 in '09, a 12 percent jump.



Some were fond of calling last season the Year of the Quarterback, and why not? Net passing yards last season were the highest ever, and a record 10 QBs threw for more than 4,000 yards, besting the prior mark of seven. An all-time-high 12 quarterbacks threw for 25 or more touchdowns, and a record five owned passer ratings over 100.0.

"Records are being shattered. The bar is being raised," Del Rio said. "The rules are geared toward allowing the passing game to flourish. So it doesn't surprise me that whoever is involved in the passing game, the numbers are going to go in a positive direction."

Fisher believes teams have done a better job of identifying the jump in talent at the position and making proper fits in terms of matching individuals' skill sets to what NFL clubs demand from receivers in their respective offenses.

"The league has been fortunate and has taken advantage of the talent that has been out there," Fisher said, "and that has been the case with the Colts and us with (Britt) — they joined clubs that needed young players to play, and we put him out there and he was productive."

For Singletary and the 49ers, they were able to look at the numbers that Crabtree put up in college and determined that he was an explosive athlete in any scheme.

"The one thing about the college draft is it's not an exact science; that's why so many mistakes are made," Singletary said. "But what we felt about Michael Crabtree was that he was a very good football player, not just from the standpoint of his measurables and all that. But when the ball was in his hands, he scored 42 touchdowns (actually 41) in two years (at Texas Tech). And that's

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production in any kind of offense."

Inflated production aside, Maclin said he felt too much was made about his adapting from the college spread.

"You can't fault somebody for not playing in a pro-style offense," Maclin said. "What you can say is, he just hasn't done it yet, not that he can't do it. And it's the job of the receiver to go out there and prove the (doubters) wrong.

"You get a good feel for the defenses (in the spread). In the pros there are a lot more precise routes. But you still have the option routes where you can do something that's dependent on the coverage. That's what the spread helps you do and also helps you with your (yards after the catch). You get a lot more YAC running the spread. I think that's one of the things I bring to the game — what I can do after catching the ball."

That talent clearly is not restricted to first-rounders such as Crabtree and Maclin — it can be found later in the draft, too. The Steelers nabbed Ole Miss'

DEZ BRYANT

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Wallace, somewhat of an unknown, in Round Three, and they often have taken baby steps with their rookies, especially at the offensive skill positions. Given that the more physically gifted Limas Sweed did almost nothing in his first pro season with Pittsburgh and that veterans Hines Ward and Santonio Holmes remained the top dogs on the depth chart in '09, it would not have been surprising if Wallace similarly struggled to see the field early.

Instead, he flourished, becoming one of Ben Roethlisberger's favorite targets, even in clutch situations. Wallace nabbed the game-winning scores in the waning moments against the Broncos and Packers and tied for the team lead with six touchdown catches.

"Mike's development was a surprise and really a bonus for us," Steelers director of football operations Kevin Colbert said. "He made great strides quickly and forced his way into the lineup. That's more the exception."

That's not just the Steelers' conservatism speaking. Many teams still hold on to the notion that each player has his own learning curve but that the typical first-year player will struggle. Even when a rookie is thrown into the mix right away, many are not ready for the limelight. It's worth noting that even with last year's banner group, the top overall pick at the position — Oakland's Darrius Heyward-Bey — struggled mightily as a starter most of the season.

Of course, he was upstaged by another rookie, Murphy, a fourth-round pick who finished second on the team in receiving yards.

Another good example of how it takes some wideouts longer to develop is with the Dolphins, who drafted Patrick Turner in Round Three in 2009 and took Brian Hartline a round later. Hartline was an instant hit, catching 31 passes for 506 yards, but Turner played only a handful of snaps at wideout and didn't catch a pass.

"These players develop in different stages," Dolphins GM Jeff Ireland said. "We just had Patrick on the board higher. Brian came in and learned the offense very well and did a nice job of developing quickly and learned a couple different positions at the same time. Brian, getting the playing time that he did, is ahead of Patrick right now. Patrick has to step it up. He's a player for the future."

The draft, bountiful as it might be from year to year, remains a crapshoot.

"I think offensive players in general are becoming more difficult to evaluate than what I remember from a couple years ago," Pioli said. "It is a byproduct of the type of offenses that are being run in college. They are asking quarterbacks to do different things than what we ask or to run a different style of offense. It's still a projection of sorts."

As for this year's crop of rookies, perhaps the bar should be set just a little lower. As one AFC scouting director lamented in March, "There are just so many questions with this group." Although the first-year depth won't match that of 2009, there are a few wideouts who could be instant factors.

The Broncos drafted Demaryius Thomas with their first first-round pick and immediately made the comparisons to Brandon Marshall. If Thomas isn't an instant contributor, it will be considered a disappointment. The Cowboys' Dez Bryant not only has the ability to push aside Roy Williams in the pecking order but also to take the No. 1 role from Miles Austin — though not this season.

Opportunities also will be there for a handful of lower-round receivers, too. Arrelious Benn (Buccaneers), Dexter McCluster (Chiefs) and Golden Tate (Seahawks) are talented second-rounders expected to produce right away. Third-rounder Brandon LaFell could start for the Panthers. One or two more wideouts are sure to surprise in Year One, a la Wallace.

Of course, it's not just what players do in their rookie seasons but how they follow them up. An interesting trend to keep an eye on is that several wideouts in recent years have come back after solid debut seasons followed by serious disappointment thereafter. Harvin and Crabtree look like can't-miss players, but there have been a shocking number of aberrations at the position.

Michael Clayton looked like a budding star in 2004 when he caught 80 passes for 1,193 yards and seven touchdowns, but in five seasons (68 games) since then, he has totaled only 141 catches for 1,743 yards and three TDs. And he's not alone.

A host of other rookies appeared to peak their first year over the past decade: Charles Rogers, Mike Williams, Keary Colbert, Snoop Minnis, Sylvester Morris, Darius Watts, Clarence Moore, Tyrone Calico and others. The Rams' Donnie Avery and the Broncos' Eddie Royal enter 2010 needing to show that their falloffs last year after fine '08 rookie seasons were not in line with that same trend.

It will take a few years to determine whether the standout class of '09 was a once-a-decade phenomenon. But the chances are there to be had. Passing is up around the league, and rookies are being asked to do more now than ever.

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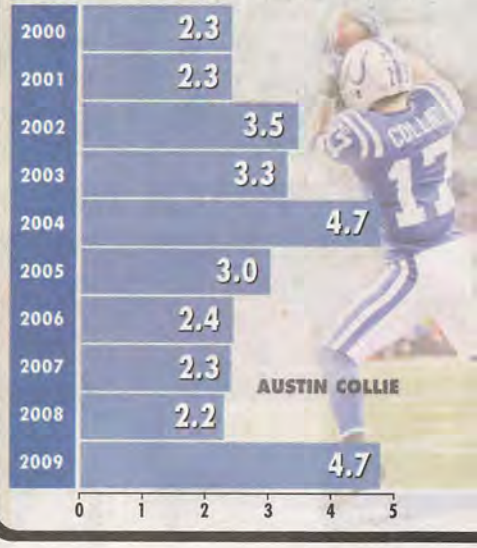

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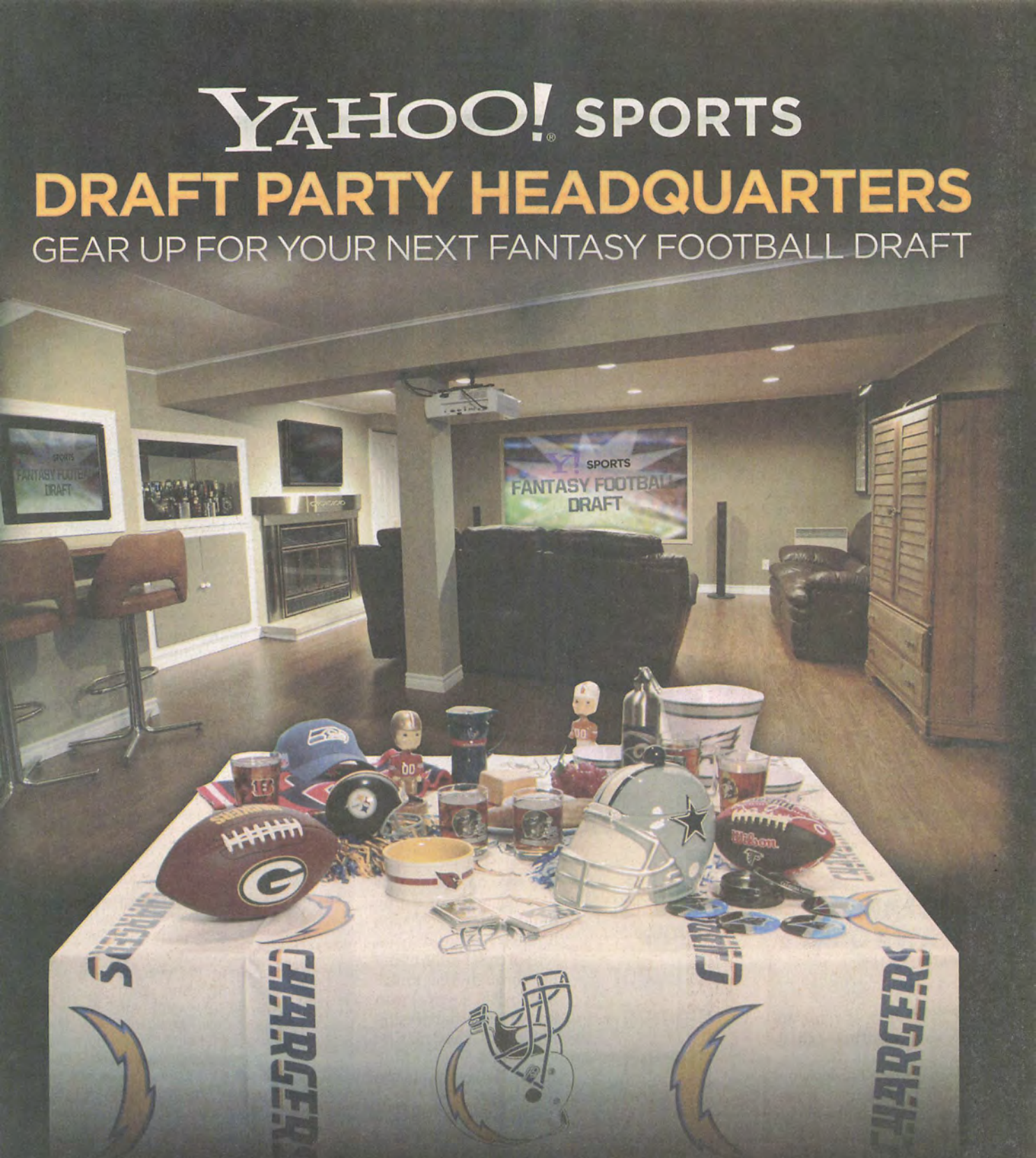

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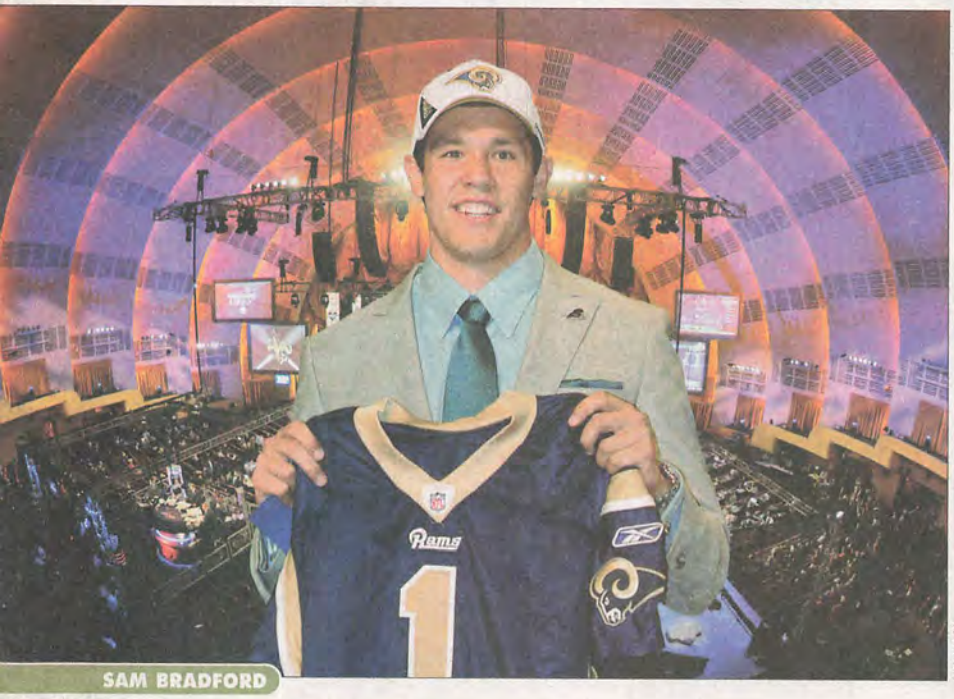

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Breaking down how first-year players fit with their new teams

There is more to drafting than meets the eye, as NFL decision makers must look far beyond college production and project how well prospects fit into NFL schemes, who fits the biggest needs and sometimes even who has potential to become the greatest box-office draws.

Countless hours of research are spent deciphering personalities, learning capabilities and medical examinations, and they all play into the big picture on Draft Day, explaining why teams might have made the decisions they made.

For example, the Giants took a big risk on a one-year wonder with learning deficiencies who bounced around from school to school coming up through the ranks. But with a program known for harnessing raw talent, they may be vindicated for drafting Jason Pierre-Paul in the top 15.

Following is a breakdown of how PFW sees 50 prospects who were selected in the NFL draft, categorizing the top five in 10 different categories, including the best scheme fits, the greatest reaches, the biggest steals, surprising sliders and missing pieces that could position NFL clubs for more immediate success.

Players are listed in the order in which they were drafted, with the overall pick number included in parentheses.

TRENT WILLIAMS

PUZZLE-PERFECT FITS

(PLAYERS WHO BEST MATCH A TEAM'S PHILOSOPHY AND SCHEMES)

1. **OLT TRENT WILLIAMS (4)** — No tackle better fit the Redskins' zone-blocking scheme than Williams, who has the versatility to play every position on a thin offensive line and could become a Hall of Famer in Mike Shanahan's offense if he wants to be.

2. **OLG MIKE IUPATI (17)** — When Mike Singletary took over as head coach of the 49ers, he made it very clear that he wanted to establish a physical, run-first offense that could move the line of scrimmage. In Iupati, the Niners landed the draft's most powerful offensive lineman.

3. **LB SEAN WEATHERSPOON (19)** — Falcons head coach Mike Smith craves speed at the linebacker position, and he found an abundance of it in Weatherspoon. But even more important than upgrading team speed to keep up with the fast-flying, division-rival, Super Bowl-champion Saints, the Falcons were craving energy and attitude on their defense, and Weatherspoon will bring plenty of it.

4. **CB JAVIER ARENAS (50)** — Having played in a very similar 3-4 defense for Nick Saban at Alabama as he will be asked to play for Romeo Crennel in Kansas City, the squatty, instinctive Arenas could step into the lineup readily and man short zones.

5. **OG VLADIMIR DUCASSE (61)** — Since Rex Ryan took over as head coach, a new emphasis was placed on pounding the football and becoming a very physical, smashmouth football team. Ducasse, while raw, has the sheer mass, natural knee bend and aggression to drive defenders off the ball.

EARL THOMAS

IMMEDIATE RETURNS

(PLAYERS WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT)

1. **DT NDAMUKONG SUH (2)** — With strength and muscle to overpower blockers at the line of scrimmage and the quickness to play in gaps and attack the line of scrimmage, Suh could become a wrecking ball in the middle of the Lions' defense and contend for rookie honors.

2. **CB JOE HADEN (7)** — Haden stepped into the starting lineup immediately upon his arrival at Florida, when he became the first true freshman to start at the CB position for the program, and he could be thrust into a similar role for the Browns, with the size, burst and cover skills to match up effectively with NFL receivers.

3. **ORT ANTHONY DAVIS (11)** — Despite being the second-youngest player in the draft at only 20 years of age, Davis has all the physical traits to become a powerful run blocker on the right side for the 49ers and could make his presence felt in the run game immediately.

4. **FS EARL THOMAS (14)** — Thomas exited college as a third-year sophomore but plays years beyond his age, demonstrating great instincts, range and ball skills to captain the secondary. He is as talented as any safety the Seahawks have had roaming the field since Kenny Easley.

5. **C-OG MAURKICE POUNCEY (18)** — The only bona fide center prospect in the draft, Pouncey is a plug-and-play starter at either the OG or C position for Pittsburgh, with the girth to match big-on-big in the black-and-blue AFC North division. He is smart, functionally strong and capable of generating movement off the line of scrimmage.

ARMANTI EDWARDS

GAMBLE ON GREATNESS

(PLAYERS WITH A VERY HIGH CEILING WHO COULD HIT OR MISS)

1. **WR ARMANTI EDWARDS (89)** — Lined up at quarterback at Appalachian State but projects to a slot receiver and return role with Carolina. Has big, quick hands and the quickness, burst and balance to create with the ball. May need a little time to adjust to running routes and reading coverages but has big-time potential.

2. **TE JIMMY GRAHAM (95)** — After playing only one year of college football following a four-year career on the hardwood, the power forward showed he could translate his rebounding prowess to the football field and could develop into a seam-stretching weapon for the Saints — owners of the NFL's most prolific offense.

3. **CB BRANDON GHEE (96)** — Looks exactly like a team would draw up a prototype cornerback, with the size, quickness, agility and cover skills to excel in the pros. However, the one trait that is noticeably missing is instincts, as he does not play with confidence. Has great upside for Cincinnati if he can be molded.

4. **OT RAMON HAREWOOD (194)** — With a massive, long-armed frame, natural bend and the intelligence to be groomed, Harewood possesses the raw talent to be molded by the Ravens.

5. **QB LEVI BROWN (209)** — The Bills were expected to target a quarterback early in the draft and instead focused on building the team around QB Trent Edwards. If he cannot stay healthy and keep his confidence, the quick-triggered, self-assured Brown might be able to show he was worth much more than a seventh-round selection.

TIM TEBOW

TOP TICKET SELLERS

(BOX-OFFICE ATTRACTIONS WHO COULD PUT FANS IN SEATS)

1. **QB SAM BRADFORD (1)** — The Rams' offense was atrocious last season as they cycled through three quarterbacks and could not establish a passing game. With the arrival of Bradford, who should compete for the job as an opening-day starter, he could put some spark back into the offense.

2. **RB C.J. SPILLER (9)** — Spiller can change games the same way Chris Johnson has in Tennessee, and he has even more proven production in the return game. He brought Clemson fans to their feet every time he set up to make a return, and he could have the same effect on the fans in Buffalo with his cat-like quickness and burst.

3. **QB TIM TEBOW (25)** — He may not be ready to start as a rookie, but Tebow enters the NFL as the most accomplished, popular attraction the NFL has ever welcomed, and plays with the emotion to eventually set Josh McDaniels' offense on fire in Denver if he can figure it out.

4. **RB JAHVID BEST (30)** — If Detroit's new runner can manage to stay healthy, he can have the same type of impact as C.J. Spiller, bringing big-play ability to the backfield, a flair to the short passing game and lightning to the return game.

5. **WR DEXTER McCLUSTER (36)** — In a similar mold as Darren Sproles, McCluster could be a weapon as a darting runner, sure-handed slot receiver and home-run threat in the return game. He could complement Thomas Jones and combine forces with Jamaal Charles to give the Chiefs a three-pronged attack that keeps defenses honest.

RYAN MATHEWS

MISSING PIECES

(PLAYERS WHO FILL PIVOTAL POSITIONS OF NEED)

1. **DT GERALD McCOY (3)** — The Buccaneers have not had an explosive three-technique capable of disrupting the backfield since Warren Sapp and Anthony McFarland departed. With McCoy, the Buccaneers now can penetrate the backfield and create the inside pressure requisite for Raheem Morris' defense.

2. **MLB ROLANDO McCLAIN (8)** — To transition to an odd front, or at least use more multiple looks, the Raiders need to add more size to the middle of their defense. The heavy-hitting McClain not only adds size, he brings an element of physicality to the Raiders' middle and can serve as a tempo-setter.

3. **RB RYAN MATHEWS (12)** — Since parting ways with Michael Turner and LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers have been forced to transition to more of an aerial attack, lacking the bell-cow back to pound the rock. With Mathews in tow, Norv Turner can re-establish the Chargers' power running game.

4. **CB KAREEM JACKSON (20)** — After turning loose Dunta Robinson, the Texans sorely needed a smart, physical cornerback who could support the run aggressively. Jackson might not be quite as fast as Robinson, but he is bigger and could help the Texans' defense set the tempo.

5. **NT TORELL TROUP (41)** — Without the wide-bodied, space-eating run stuffer so critical to running a "30" front, the Bills could have been in danger. With Troup in place, they should be able to make the transition much more easily and clog the middle.

TYSON ALUALU

BIGGEST REACHES

(TALENT THAT WAS SELECTED SOONER THAN EXPECTED OR NECESSARY)

1. **DT TYSON ALUALU (10)** — The criticism of the Jaguars probably still would be coming even if they had been able to trade down to the bottom of the first round, where other teams had graded Alualu, and landed him there. But if he becomes an elite player, few will be able to criticize the pick.

2. **OL ZANE BEADLES (45)** — With depth sorely lacking in the interior OL class in this draft, the Broncos could feel justified reaching for a college left tackle to fill their glaring vacancy inside. However, Beadles graded out more like a fourth-round talent than an early second.

3. **OLB JASON WORILDS (52)** — Worilds lacks the size and explosion ideally sought to crash the corner and continually has battled injuries throughout college. He could struggle to play a big man's game and did not figure to come off the board as early as the Steelers took him.

4. **OLB JERMAINE CUNNINGHAM (53)** — A run on outside linebackers may have forced Cunningham off the board, as he was one of the few with the type of length sought by the Patriots. But the strong-side college end is a projection who is high-cut, plays narrow-based and might struggle to transition to a "30" front.

5. **LB PAT ANGERER (63)** — If any team could select Angerer in the second round and justify the pick, it would be the Colts, who have consistently hit on speedy, undersized talent early in the draft. Few will criticize the pick if Angerer turns out to be the second coming of Zach Thomas, but he did get taken earlier than expected.

JIMMY CLAUSEN

SURPRISING SLIDERS

(TALENT THAT WAS SELECTED LATER THAN ANTICIPATED)

1. **OT BRYAN BULAGA (23)** — When Bulaga's arms measured 32¼ inches at his pro-day workout, shorter than any other starting left tackle in the NFL, the concerns that he would have to kick inside grew stronger. In the Packers' zone-blocking scheme, he may be able to survive at left tackle in place of Chad Clifton.

2. **WR DEZ BRYANT (24)** — Following an early-season suspension for lying to NCAA investigators, many questions were swirling about Bryant's maturity and intelligence. They only escalated after a disastrous spring. But the Cowboys could be the beneficiaries of an elite talent slipping to the back of the first round.

3. **OLB SERGIO KINDLE (43)** — With many team doctors believing that Kindle will need microfracture surgery on his knee, and alcohol and intelligence issues compounding his medical prognosis, Kindle was removed altogether from many draft boards. The Ravens, who have hit on many prospects viewed as damaged goods, could be beneficiaries of his slide.

4. **QB JIMMY CLAUSEN (48)** — Questions about Clausen's intangibles and health, coming off toe surgery, both contributed to his free fall. But it could work to his favor, as he should be able to contend for a starting job on a talented Carolina team.

5. **FS TAYLOR MAYS (49)** — Mays might have top-10 physical traits, but he never was able to convert them to the field, and questions about his instincts, coverage ability and overall maturity led to him falling to the 49ers in the middle of the second round.

JASON PIERRE-PAUL

BIGGEST RISKS

(PICKS INVOLVING A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK)

1. **DE JASON PIERRE-PAUL (15)** — The Giants have had great success grooming young pass rushers such as Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck and Mathias Kiwanuka, and if any team has the right structure in place for Pierre-Paul to be successful, it is Tom Coughlin's Giants. However, he cannot be expected to be anything more than a nickel rusher as a rookie, and it will require time for him to figure it out.

2. **SS T.J. WARD (38)** — Purely on his game tape, Ward stands out for his instincts and striking ability, but he has chronic knees that have plagued him dating back to high school and pushed him to the fourth round for many teams — but not the Browns.

3. **DE CARLOS DUNLAP (54)** — A career underachiever who was too easily distracted and struggled to ever reach his potential at Florida, Dunlap could be challenged to maximize his potential by a demanding Bengals coaching staff but enters the NFL with questions about his commitment.

4. **RB MONTARIO HARDESTY (59)** — Having had microfracture knee surgery at Tennessee hindered Hardesty earlier in his career and is the type of injury that many running backs struggle to overcome. The Browns have to hope Hardesty will be an exception, but high risk remains.

5. **OLT CHARLES BROWN (64)**— Brown struggled to see the field early at USC because of a lack of toughness and lingering back problems that are likely only to be stressed more once he is forced to match up with bigger, stronger defenders. There was a reason this new Saint lasted to the third round.

DENNIS PITTA

BEST VALUE

(PLAYERS WHO COULD PROVE TO BE WORTHY OF EARLIER SELECTIONS)

1. **TE JERMAINE GRESHAM (21)** — Turned out to be the first pass catcher selected in the draft and has the chance to be one of the best receiving talents, with potential to develop into a Pro Bowl-caliber player for the Bengals. Possesses huge upside as a receiver and adds some value as an in-line blocker.

2. **ILB SEAN LEE (55)** — Lee had some stretched ligaments in his knee that were cause for concern, but he was one of the most instinctive players in the draft with a strong passion for the game. If he stays healthy, this new Cowboy could prove to have been worthy of a top-round selection.

3. **TE DENNIS PITTA (114)** — Pitta's limited functionality in the blocking game allowed him to slip to the fourth round, but as a pass catcher, he could potentially make a Dallas Clark-type impact for the Ravens and replace Todd Heap. To land a superb receiving talent in the fourth round was a steal.

4. **NT CAM THOMAS (146)** — There were questions about Thomas' passion for the game and overall consistency that allowed him to slide to San Diego in the fifth round, but he has the strength and power to ably man the nose and replace the production of Jamal Williams, who had similar concerns coming out of the supplemental draft.

5. **DE GREG HARDY (175)** — Hardy showed first-round athletic traits earlier in his career and enters the NFL with considerable questions about his focus, health and makeup. But with very minimal risk in the sixth round, the Panthers have a chance to hit on a replacement for Julius Peppers.

JERRY HUGHES

SAFEST SELECTIONS

(PICKS MOST LIKELY TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM DIVIDENDS)

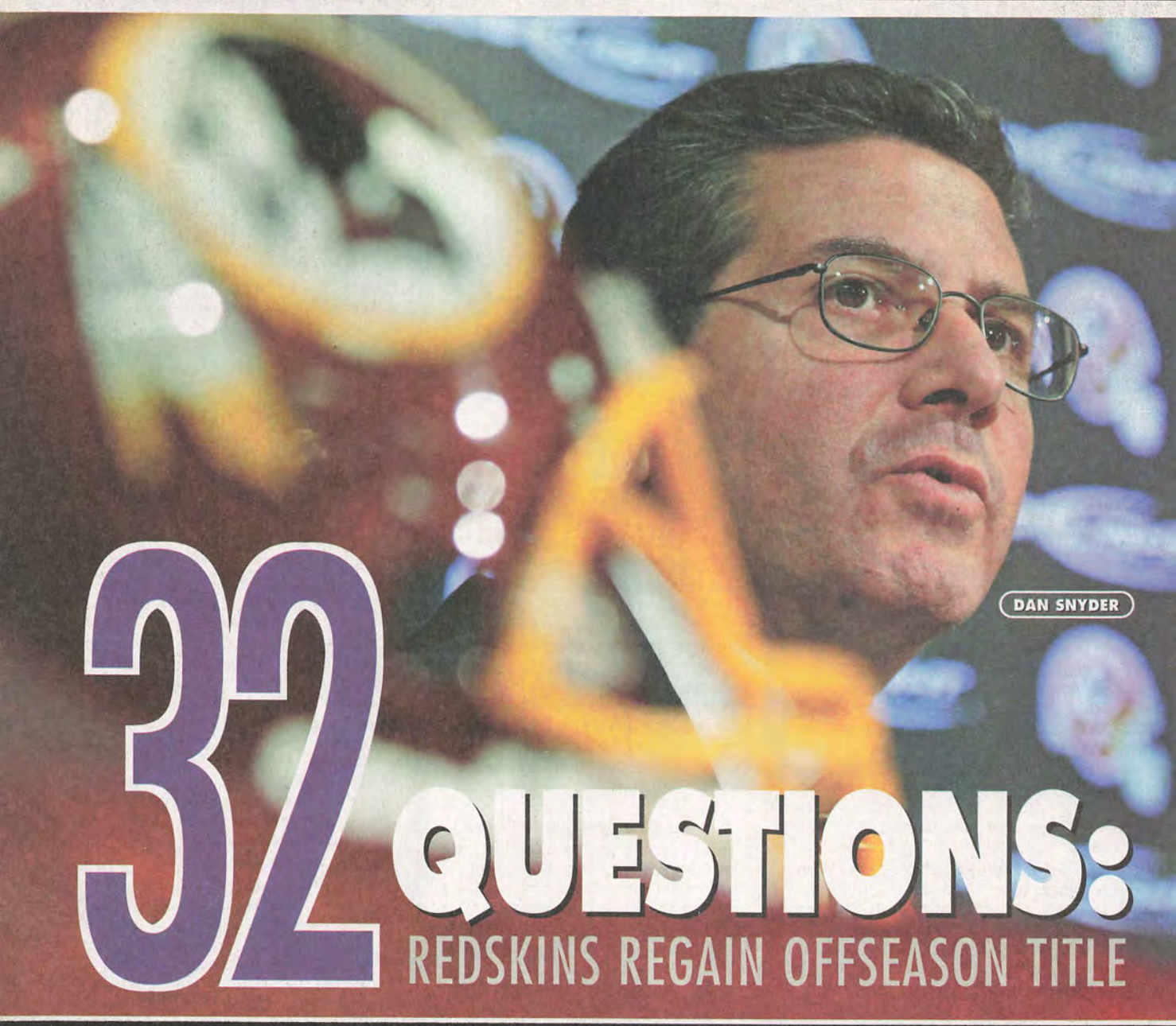
1. **FS ERIC BERRY (5)** — Coming up through the ranks, Berry was an impact performer at every level and has very few blemishes. Regarded by many evaluators as the safest selection in the draft, he has the instincts, cover skills, range and striking ability to incite fear in NFL receivers and bring a Troy Polamalu-type impact to Romeo Crennel's defense in Kansas City.

2. **OT RUSSELL OKUNG (6)** — Trent Williams was easily the most gifted tackle in the draft and was the first to hear his name called on Draft Day, but it is the less nimble Okung who might turn out to be the better pro given the strength of his character and work ethic. He has outstanding length to overcome the heaviness in his hips and could be a long-term replacement for the legendary Walter Jones in Seattle.

3. **DE DERRICK MORGAN (16)** — Morgan lacks the elite physical tools desired in a double-digit sacker, but he has a motor that never stops and plays with the type of energy to spark the Titans' defense the same way the departed Kyle Vanden Bosch did.

4. **DE JERRY HUGHES (31)** — A very consistent producer with outstanding take-off speed, burst and balance, Hughes could compensate for his lack of length in a Colts defense that is predicated on flying upfield and winning with quickness.

5. **OLB KOA MISI (40)** — Despite being projected to outside linebacker from the end position he manned at Utah, Misi has the toughness, intelligence and work ethic to make the transition seamlessly and should fit well into the Dolphins' "30" front.



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32 QUESTIONS:

REDSKINS REGAIN OFFSEASON TITLE

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Contrary to the hypersensitive suggestions of many riled-up readers, I absolutely do not root for or against any NFL franchise. As I'm fond of saying, I have 32 babies, and I love them equally. It's just that some give me more trouble than others.

Yet, in the interest of full disclosure, I have to admit that for the past decade or so I've had a bit of a soft spot for the Washington Redskins. My interest in this storied team isn't so much related to what takes place on the field — the 'Skins haven't won a Super Bowl, or even played for a conference title, in 19 seasons; they've made the playoffs twice since 2000, winning a single postseason game during that span.

Rather, it's what they do for me each winter and spring: Once the games end and the news cycle takes a Ray Lewis-like hit, the 'Skins are in it to win it. Led by aggressive, impulsive and ultra-loaded owner Daniel Snyder, the organization inevitably makes a series of major splashes, often causing fans and people in my business to crown the Redskins Champions of the Offseason.

After the '99 season, when Snyder brought in big names Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and Jeff George, Washington ran away with this honor. In the years that followed, the 'Skins have generated similar buzz by faithfully welcoming high-priced newcomers, be they players (Jessie Armstead, Adam Archuleta, Clinton Portis, Albert Haynesworth) or coaches (Marty Schottenheimer, Steve Spurrier, Joe Gibbs, Mike Shanahan) advertised as difference-makers.

This year, that all seemed to change. After Snyder made a major move in January, replacing the fired Jim Zorn with Shanahan, a two-time Super Bowl winner, things got strangely stagnant at Redskins Park. In the NFL's first season without a salary cap since 1993, it seemed Snyder had suddenly turned fiscally responsible. He and the rest of Washington's front office con-

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spicuously chilled during the first two months of free agency, while teams like the Jets and Bears — last year's Champions of the Offseason — sucked up the spotlight.

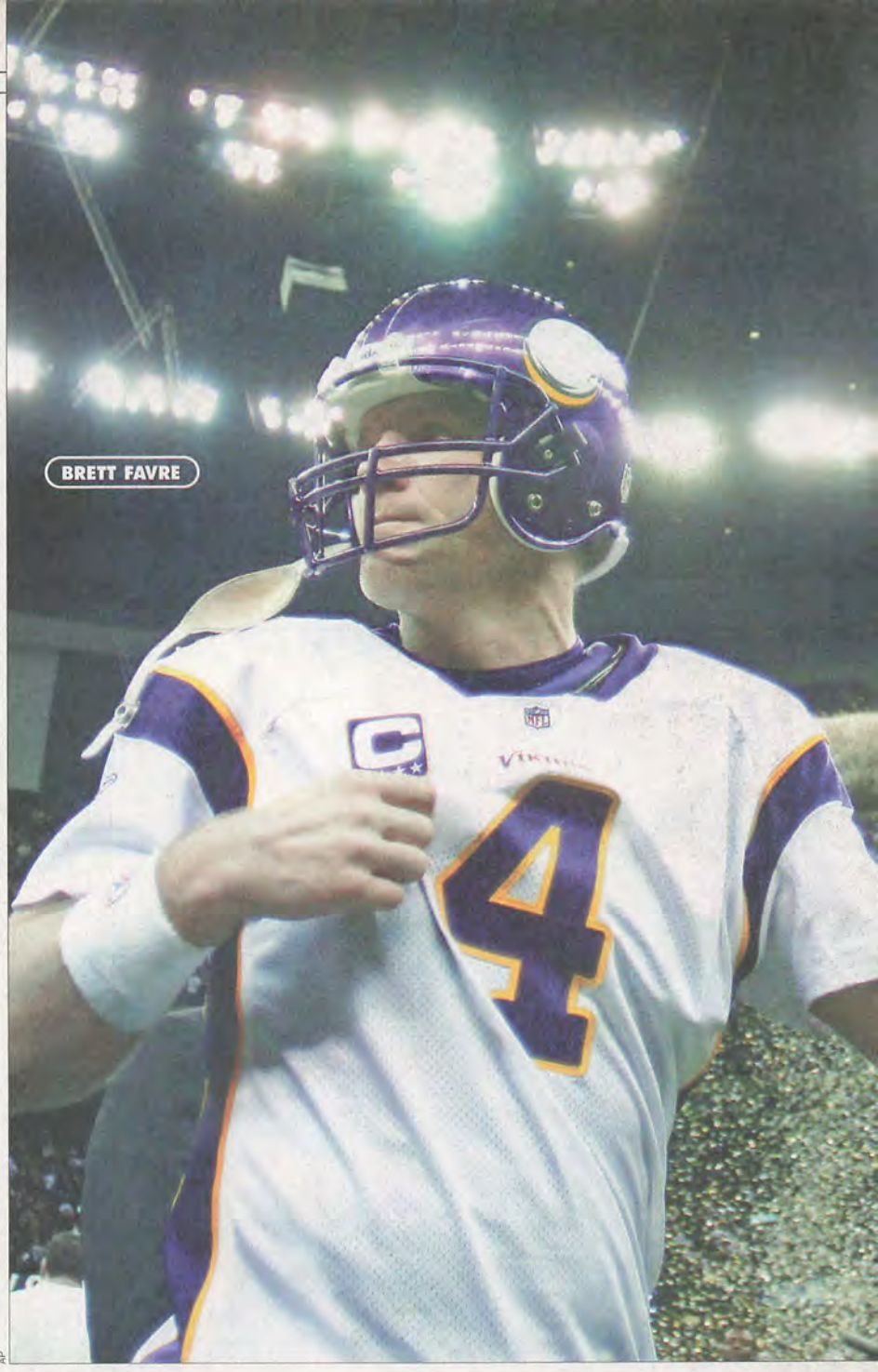
Then, blessedly, came the April Surprise: The 'Skins sent a pair of draft picks to the Philadelphia Eagles for QB Donovan McNabb, bringing No. 5 — he of the five Pro Bowl selections and five NFC championship game appearances — down the Eastern Seaboard to the home of a bitter division rival. Had Snyder done it again? Yes he did. The McNabb trade created the most excitement in the nation's capital since another dude with Windy City ties arrived 15 months earlier. Hope and change were back, with a flourish, and the Redskins were champions once more.

I bring up the Redskins not to draw attention to their habitually unrealized expectations (OK, maybe a little) or to goof on this particular move (I actually love the McNabb deal) but to remind people that ostentatious offseason acquisitions don't necessarily equate to immediate or sustained success. For instance, consider last year's most celebrated transactions: The Redskins' signing of Haynesworth, an All-Pro defensive tackle, to a reported nine-figure deal about 12 seconds after the official start of free agency, and the Bears' blockbuster trade for Jay Cutler, the Broncos' Pro Bowl quarterback.

Haynesworth had an underwhelming season as the 'Skins struggled to a 4-12 record, leading to Shanahan's hiring and a switch to the 3-4 defense. That was greeted as warmly as a chop block by Haynesworth, who expressed his displeasure to Shanahan — and was reportedly offered to the Eagles as part of the McNabb trade.

Cutler, Shanahan's former quarterback in Denver, immediately clashed with new coach Josh McDaniels and was shipped to Chicago, where he arrived to great fanfare. Then the season began, and Cutler started resembling Rex Grossman (and, for that matter, virtually every other Bears signal-caller since Sid Luckman). He threw a league-leading 26 interceptions as Chicago missed the playoffs with a 7-9 record, putting general manager Jerry Angelo and coach Lovie Smith in desperation mode — and leading to a slew of high-profile moves this past offseason, including the free-agent signing of All-Pro DE Julius Peppers and the hiring of former Rams coach Mike Martz as Smith's offensive coordinator (and, depending on how things play out, Cutler's savior or worst nightmare).

Meanwhile, many of the offseason moves that turned out to have the biggest and most positive impact on the '09 campaign were comparatively ignored: Saints coach Sean Payton's decision to spend $250,000 of his own money to bring defensive coordinator Gregg Williams to New Orleans ... the Saints' bargain-rate signing of veteran FS Darren Sharper ... the Jets' hiring of brash Baltimore defensive coordinator Rex Ryan to replace Eric Mangini ... Indy's promotion of steady, shrewd quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell, he of the 26-63 record at Wake Forest, to replace the retired Tony Dungy ... the Packers' switch to a 3-4 defense.



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Then there was the mother of all offseason dramas, the Vikings' shameless courting of Brett Favre and, after an unseemly succession of conclusive reports about his intentions, the old gunslinger's arrival in the Twin Cities in August. All Favre did was put up MVP-type numbers, deliver a pair of kidney-punches to Cheesehead Nation by beating the Packers twice and come within one bad pass and a successful coin flip of taking Minnesota to the Super Bowl.

Fittingly, Favre doesn't do offseasons. Beginning in 2008, he has gone dormant from February through midsummer, storing up his energy for the months in which football is actually played, and thus making him the anti-Redskins, a man whose greatest glories occur between the white lines. At the

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time of this writing, Favre was kicking back in Mississippi, seemingly in no hurry to reveal whether he'd play in 2010 — and his employers appeared to lack the inclination to press him for an answer.

In the meantime, here are 32 Questions to free you from an offseason of hype and get you ready for what really counts, complete with my highly subjective, first-to-worst ranking of the 32 babies I love so dearly.

As with last year, the defending champs occupy the top spot as a sign of respect, while the former Favre employer I'm tabbing to win Super Bowl XLV lurks right behind them.

You'll also notice I'm kind of high on a certain team that dresses in burgundy and gold and is coming off a last-place finish in the NFC East. Go ahead and call me a sucker, but please keep in mind that I'm not the only one:

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1 **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS:** Will the celebration of the century be followed by a New Orleans-style hangover, or will Sean Payton, Drew Brees and company keep marching through overwhelmed opponents?

2 **GREEN BAY PACKERS:** After three consecutive years as the NFL's youngest team, will Aaron Rodgers and the lads simply be the league's best in 2010?

3 **BALTIMORE RAVENS:** If Ray Lewis were reconceived as an offensive player, is there any doubt he'd be new teammate Anquan Boldin?

4 **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS:** Will Peyton Manning have a chip on his shoulder after last February's Super Bowl defeat — and will opposing defenders get a series of kicks to the groin as a result?

5 **ATLANTA FALCONS:** Is this the year my Matt Ryan man crush spreads to mainstream America?

6 **CINCINNATI BENGALS:** Even if this turns out to be a lame-duck season for Marvin Lewis, will he still have this team in the hunt for a championship?

7 **TENNESSEE TITANS:** When I advised my friend (UCSB women's basketball coach Lindsay Gottlieb) to take Chris Johnson with the second overall pick in her fantasy draft last year, were you one of the people openly mocking me?

8 **MINNESOTA VIKINGS:** How can Adrian Peterson simultaneously have the most ferocious handshake known to man and a major problem holding onto the football?

9 **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS:** Has Philip Rivers finally reached the point where his arm is as prolific as his mouth — and if so, how scary is that for the rest of the league?

10 **NEW YORK JETS:** If Rivers played for Rex Ryan, would he be encouraged to talk even more trash to opponents?

11 **WASHINGTON REDSKINS:** Why do I get the distinct feeling that Shanahan and McNabb will make their former bosses feel their respective (and collective) wrath?

12 **DALLAS COWBOYS:** Um, shouldn't Roy Williams and Miles Austin switch salaries — retroactively?

13 **CHICAGO BEARS:** Which newcomer will wreak more havoc: Julius Peppers on opposing quarterbacks, or Mike Martz on Jay Cutler?

14 **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES:** Could DeSean Jackson conceal his entire body inside one of Andy Reid's black polo shirts?

15 **PITTSBURGH STEELERS:** Did any franchise have a more embarrassing offseason — and have they replaced the rival Bengals as the league's most conspicuous troublemakers?

16 **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS:** What's bigger — the cross hanging from Mike Singletary's neck, or Vernon Davis' biceps?

17 **ARIZONA CARDINALS:** Is there Life After Kurt, or are we about to experience another desert dry spell?

18 **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS:** Can Wes Welker come back strong from his brutal knee injury, and is there any chance fellow receiver Randy Moss will stop acting like an ass when he isn't the offensive focal point?

19 **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:** Who's the idiotic Yahoo! Sports columnist who picked this team to win the AFC West in 2009 — and will the arrival of ex-Pats coordinators Charlie Weis and Romeo Crennel make me look a bit less foolish this year?

20 **HOUSTON TEXANS:** What's a bigger tease: House and Cuddy's TV relationship, or Bob McNair's perpetually mediocre team?

21 **CAROLINA PANTHERS:** Looking back on a bizarre 2009, what were the odds that Jerry Richardson would fire two of his sons in September but retain John Fox after a disappointing 8-8 season?

22 **MIAMI DOLPHINS:** After stunning the football world by retiring at age 27, will Ricky Williams pull another shocker and play until he's 37?

23 **DETROIT LIONS:** For all the attention Matthew Stafford deservedly received, how impressive was fellow rookie Louis Delmas in '09 — and is the hard-hitting safety headed for stardom?

24 **NEW YORK GIANTS:** If Tom Coughlin's team starts slowly, will Bill Cowher's shadow start swooping across the Hudson from midtown Manhattan on Sundays?

25 **CLEVELAND BROWNS:** How amusing will it be to watch Mangini tap dance for new boss Mike Holmgren — and doesn't it seem likely the Big Show will be seizing the headset for his own usage before too long?

26 **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS:** Does Pete Carroll see something in Charlie Whitehurst that the rest of us don't, or is he simply confusing the young quarterback with former USC Heisman Trophy winner Charles White?

27 **BUFFALO BILLS:** When you send a renewal flyer to season-ticket holders featuring a photo of your team punting out of its own endzone, can you blame fans for feeling a bit skeptical about the state of the franchise?

28 **DENVER BRONCOS:** After losing eight of his final 10 games in '09 (to give Denver the dubious distinction of becoming the third team since 1970 to miss the playoffs after a 6-0 start), did it occur to McDaniels that he might not know everything?

29 **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS:** Yo, Bryan, Joel and Ed Glazer — is it fair to say you get what you pay for?

30 **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS:** In this economy, can you really blame the people who choose not to pay to watch the Jags on Sundays?

31 **ST. LOUIS RAMS:** By the time this team is competitive again, will Steven Jackson be walking with a cane?

32 **OAKLAND RAIDERS:** How many Silver and Black loyalists wish Tom Cable would "accidentally" break JaMarcus Russell's fork?

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PLAYER RANKINGS

GRADE SCALE

4.0 to 5.0 [BLUE CHIP] — Pro Bowl-quality player who consistently makes big plays.

3.0 to 3.99 [RED CHIP] — Impact player who produces like a starter but falls short in at least one area.

2.4 to 2.99 [PURPLE] — Starter who often gets the job done, or a still-developing player who has the potential to get it done.

LEGEND

| C | — Player is at a crossroads.
| D | — Player has begun to decline or may soon start to decline.
| U | — Player has more upside.
| UU | — Player has a huge upside.
| X | — Injury concern.

CRITERIA FOR RATINGS

1. Performance in 2009.
2. Potential.
3. Value to team.
4. Overall career performance.

By **MIKE WILKENING**

PFW's player rankings were compiled with the help of coaches and personnel men from around the NFL, all of whom participated on condition on anonymity. Our grading rubric is explained above.

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PEYTON MANNING

QUARTERBACKS

1 PEYTON MANNING
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **4.80**

■ Manning consistently puts the Colts' offense in a position to succeed. He routinely checks out of the wrong play and into the right one. He excels at putting the ball in places where only his receivers can catch it. He throws his share of less-than-pretty passes, but he's generally on the mark, and you have to go back to 2001 to find a season in which he didn't complete 65 percent of his throws. Critics will point to a mere one Super Bowl title on his résumé, but as long as he plays at this level, the Colts are going to be on the annual short list of championship contenders.

2 DREW BREES
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **4.70**

■ Brees is building a Hall of Fame résumé and capped last season by earning Super Bowl XLIV MVP honors after riddling a Colts defense that had no answers for him in the final three quarters of a 31-17 New Orleans victory. Brees has rare accuracy and total command of the Saints' offense. Evaluators note that he makes the entire attack better, and his pocket presence and ability to quickly read the field help an offensive line that can struggle in pass protection. A blue-chip player and an outstanding leader, Brees has led the Saints to new heights.

3 TOM BRADY
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **4.70**

■ It's hard to have many qualms with Brady's play last season. One year removed from a serious knee injury, he threw for the second-most yards in his career (4,398) and led the Patriots to a division title. Also, he took just 16 sacks, the fewest he's ever taken in a full season. Still in the prime of his career, Brady made a strong comeback in 2009, and another move forward this season would not be a surprise, considering how he has improved throughout his career.

4 BRETT FAVRE
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **4.50**

■ Favre was spectacular in 2009, throwing 33 touchdowns and seven interceptions and leading the Vikings to the NFC title game. He still has an exceptionally strong arm, and he was generally prudent last season (his interception late in the conference championship game notwithstanding, of course). Favre's passion for the game energizes those around him. A certain Hall of Famer, At presstime, Favre had yet to say whether he's going to return for a 20th NFL season, but it is hard to see him walking away from the game after such a magical — but title-less — season.

5 PHILIP RIVERS
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **4.40**

■ What a unique and gifted passer. Rivers is extremely accurate, and no quarterback may throw with better touch. Rivers thrived last season without the benefit of a strong running game and gained a career-best 8.8 yards per completion. His weaknesses: He lacks mobility, and he doesn't have exceptional arm strength, attributes that can hurt him when facing defenses that can generate significant pass-rush pressure.

6 BEN ROETHLISBERGER
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **4.40**

■ Roethlisberger completed a career-best 66.6 percent of his passes in 2009 and threw for more than 4,000 yards for the first time in his career. He could never be accused of not standing in against the rush; he will give his receivers every chance to get open and is very good at fending off the rush just long enough to unload the ball downfield. This style of play, of course, lends itself to taking quite a few sacks. Also, he can be a little careless with

the ball at times. The major concern with Roethlisberger, however, are the off-the-field problems that he has encountered recently.

7 AARON RODGERS
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **4.30** | U |

■ Rodgers has thrown almost three times as many touchdowns as interceptions since entering the starting lineup in 2008. He's an accurate passer who can make all of the throws and has the desired toughness and swagger that coaches love to see at the position. He takes too many sacks, but he'll take a big hit and get right back up — and don't think for a second that opponents haven't noticed that.

8 TONY ROMO
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Romo had an impressive 2009 season. He committed just 13 turnovers while throwing a career-high 550 passes, and he completed 63.1 percent of his throws. Romo has a playmaking flair that cannot be taught, and he has produced at a high level ever since entering the starting lineup. Some have said he has happy feet in the pocket, but he also took a pounding last season (42 sacks in 18 games), so he's clearly willing to hold on to the ball and wait for his receivers to get open. The reality is that Romo wins at a high level in the regular season — and a few more playoff wins would bolster his already good reputation.

9 MATT SCHAUB
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

Schaub had a breakthrough 2009 season in his third year in Gary Kubiak's system. He's a very accurate passer, and he has a strong arm. He sees the field well, and he will stand in against the rush. Opponents respect his toughness. He deserved the Pro Bowl nod he received last season.

10 DONOVAN McNABB
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ McNabb, whom Washington acquired in a stunning offseason trade, remains an above-average starting quarterback. He's a prudent decision maker who doesn't throw many interceptions and has the arm strength needed to sustain a consistently dangerous vertical passing game. Yes, he short-hops an inordinate number of short passes, and he's not as mobile as he once was. But he still has a few good seasons ahead of him, provided he stays healthy.

11 ELI MANNING
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ Though the Giants missed the playoffs, Manning may have had his best season in 2009, throwing for more than 4,000 yards for the first time in his career and averaging more yards per completion than he had in his five previous seasons. Also, he showed considerable toughness playing through plantar fasciitis, a painful foot injury. He does need to cut down on turnovers (14 interceptions, eight fumbles lost in '09), but he made some exciting progress last season.

12 JAY CUTLER
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ **3.65** | U |

■ The good news: Cutler threw a career-high 27 TD passes last season. The bad news: He threw an NFL-worst 26 picks and was sacked a career-worst 35 times. No one doubts Cutler is an exceptionally talented pure passer with the arm needed to throw every pass in the playbook and the mobility needed to keep plays alive. How he fits in Mike Martz's scheme will be the key to the Bears' season. There are some who believe making him a pocket passer is the worst thing you can do to Cutler and that he needs the freedom to create on the run to be successful.

13 MATT RYAN
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** | U |

■ Ryan could be a star in the making. He has thrown more touchdowns than interceptions in his first two NFL seasons, and he has led the Falcons to back-to-back winning campaigns for the first time in club history. However, he regressed in a few areas last season, completing a lower percentage of his passes than he did as a rookie and throwing more interceptions. His arm strength is good, not great, and he noticeably struggled at points in his second NFL season. That said, he is still well-respected in league circles and appears to have a bright future.

14 CARSON PALMER
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** | C |

■ Can Palmer return to the form that once made him one of the AFC's better passers? Palmer just didn't look like his old self at times last season. More of his passes were off-target than usual, and he did not play well in the wild-card loss to the Jets. Perhaps he will be more effective in his second full season removed from elbow surgery and with Antonio Bryant joining a WR corps that lacked speed last season. The Bengals certainly must hope as much.

15 JOE FLACCO
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ Flacco's size and arm strength are ideal for a pocket passer. Also, he's not flustered easily — always an asset for a quarterback. He played through a variety of injuries in the second half last season; those ailments surely affected his play. That said, he needs to do a

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better job reading defenses and finding secondary receivers; he has a tendency to lock in on his primary target.

16 KYLE ORTON
DENVER BRONCOS

GRADE ➤ **3.20**

■ Orton registered career highs in passing yards (3,802), touchdowns (21) and completion percentage (62.1) in 2009, his first season with Denver. Smart and tough, Orton gets the most out of his ability and has developed nicely throughout his NFL career. He lacks great mobility and an exceptionally strong arm but knows his limitations and did not make many mistakes last season.

17 VINCE YOUNG
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **3.10** |U|

■ Young recaptured his starting job last season with a strong finish to the '09 season, showing signs of being an improved quarterback and leader. The challenge for him now will be making further improvement while standing firm in the face of adversity.

18 DAVID GARRARD
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

GRADE ➤ **3.05**

■ Garrard is a solid starter, a fairly accurate passer with good arm strength and mobility. His major weaknesses: He takes too many sacks, and his fumbles have increased at an alarming rate the past three seasons. He fumbled 14 times in 2009, losing eight.

19 JASON CAMPBELL
OAKLAND RAIDERS

GRADE ➤ **3.00**

■ Last season Campbell played better than he ever had, setting career highs in TD passes and completion percentage, among other categories. However, new Redskins head coach Mike Shanahan could not pass on the opportunity to acquire Donovan McNabb, thus ending Campbell's stint as Washington's starter. He gets a fresh start in Oakland, which acquired him via trade in April. To succeed long term, Campbell must cut down on turnovers and sense the pass rush better.

20 MATT CASSEL
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

GRADE ➤ **3.00** |U|

■ Cassel's first season in the Chiefs' offense was eye-opening for the wrong reasons. His accuracy left much to be desired, and he didn't take care of the ball. In fairness, the Chiefs' offense was out of rhythm for much of the season, and he played behind a porous offensive line. Nevertheless, he needs to take fewer sacks and make better decisions in the face of pressure.

BEST OF THE REST

21 **CHAD HENNE**, MIAMI DOLPHINS — 3.00 |U|
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TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

DENNIS DIXON, PITTSBURGH STEELERS
JOSH FREEMAN, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
KEVIN KOLB, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
MATT LEINART, ARIZONA CARDINALS
MATTHEW STAFFORD, DETROIT LIONS
CHARLIE WHITEHURST, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

TIM SADLON
CHRIS JOHNSON

RUNNING BACKS

1 CHRIS JOHNSON
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **4.50** |U|

■ Johnson had a phenomenal season in 2009, rushing for 2,006 yards and thriving even as he carried a heavy workload. One of the NFL's faster players, Johnson is not going to be caught from behind very often if he gets a step on the defense. Though not a bruiser, he can run with power and break tackles. He also has good vision. His patience may be the most underrated part of his game — he can idle, set up his block, then explode in an instant. He is an absolutely vital part of the Titans' offense; without him, this is a much easier attack to defend. He's an elite, game-changing back.

2 ADRIAN PETERSON
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **4.40** |U|

■ Peterson possesses a rare combination of size, speed and competitiveness. At his best, he can take over a game and destroy a defense's will to tackle him; look no further than his tour de force against Cleveland in the '09 season opener. The problem with Peterson? He fumbles way too often. Also, at times he's not quite as dominant as he's capable of being. With his skill set and mentality, though, a run at the rushing record is very possible one of these seasons.

3 STEVEN JACKSON
ST. LOUIS RAMS

GRADE ➤ **4.25**

■ He's the complete package — strong, smart, fast, reliable. On a truly awful Rams team, Jackson racked up an NFC-best 1,416 yards, and he played through a painful back injury at the end of the season, save for missing one game. His ability to catch the ball makes him a three-down back — something we're seeing less of as teams move to committee approaches at the position.

4 MAURICE JONES-DREW
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

GRADE ➤ **4.05**

■ The Jaguars' most dynamic offensive player, Jones-Drew generates far more power than you would expect and gets the most out of every run. He's an outstanding red-zone and goal-line runner and makes the most of his opportunities close to the endzone. A very productive player.

5 RAY RICE
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** |U|

■ Rice affords Ravens offensive coordinator Cam Cameron many options. He's dangerous in the passing game whether lined up in the backfield or split out wide. He can run inside and outside the tackles, boasting the quickness and agility to be effective in space and the power needed to break tackles (and even move a pile of tacklers on occasion). Note that only Chris Johnson racked up more combined rushing-receiving yards than Rice (2,041) did a season ago.

6 MICHAEL TURNER
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Turner followed his breakout 2008 campaign with 871 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns in '09. However, he missed five games with an ankle injury. He's a powerful between-the-tackles runner who hits the hole quickly and picks up yardage after contact.

7 FRANK GORE
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Gore is a tough, competitive runner who runs hard, does many things well and consistently produces for the 49ers' offense. He has good speed and quickness,but his durability is something of a concern; he has played in all 16 games in a season just once.

8 DeANGELO WILLIAMS
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Williams teams with Jonathan Stewart to provide a dynamic backfield tandem for Carolina. Williams is quick and elusive — note that he has gained five yards per carry or more in each of the last three seasons — and is an excellent complement to a bigger, more bruising back. Williams had 36 rushes of 10 yards or more a season ago; only three runners had more runs of 10 yards or longer.

9 JONATHAN STEWART
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.90** |UU|

■ When DeAngelo Williams missed some time with injuries last season, Stewart flourished, very much giving the impression he is ready to be a featured back. Fast and powerful, Stewart can be a workhorse back with home-run-hitting ability.

10 RYAN GRANT
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.70**

■ Grant has rushed for more than 1,200 yards in back-to-back seasons, which speaks to his durability and productivity. A long-strider, Grant doesn't have great speed, but he has had a run of at least 57 yards in each of his three seasons with Green Bay. He cut down on his fumbles last season, losing one in 282 carries.

11 CEDRIC BENSON
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ **3.70**

■ In Cincinnati, Benson has been the back the Bears once hoped he would become — physical with enough of a burst to break the occasional long run and capable of carrying the ball 20-25 times a game. Just 27, and with relatively little wear and tear for a back with his running style, Benson appears to have a bright future, assuming he continues to approach the game as he has in his first two seasons with the Bengals.

12 RASHARD MENDENHALL
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **3.55** |U|

■ Mendenhall is an intriguing prospect. He is fast, and he has good size for the position. When he gets good blocking, he is very tough to stop. However, he is not a particularly instinctive runner, and he could stand to be more physical. He is talented, but he's a work in progress.

13 JAMAAL CHARLES
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** |U|

■ Given a chance to play late last season, Charles took advantage of

the opportunity, finishing the '09 campaign with a flourish. Fast and quick, the 5-11, 199-pound Charles gives a plodding Kansas City offense a big-play threat. However, his small stature raises questions as to whether he can be an effective 16-game starter carrying a heavy workload. The Chiefs' addition of ex-Jet Thomas Jones should help him tremendously.

14 RONNIE BROWN
MIAMI DOLPHINS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** |X/C|

■ Brown has excellent size and athleticism for the position and has played like a Pro Bowl back at times during his career. However, his durability is a concern, and he is probably most effective sharing carries. Nonetheless, he does not lack for talent.

15 BRANDON JACOBS
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ Jacobs struggled last season, gaining just 3.7 yards per carry in 15 starts. The 6-4, 264-pound Jacobs runs with tremendous power and can wear down a defense, but his stature is a weakness, for he takes some thunderous hits. The Giants use him properly, spelling him with the quicker Ahmad Bradshaw.

16 PIERRE THOMAS
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **3.30**

■ Thomas is the most well-rounded of the Saints' backs. With Mike Bell now with the Eagles, Thomas could get a bigger share of the carries this season, with Reggie Bush's durability a major question mark.

17 CLINTON PORTIS
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.25** |X/C|

■ Can Mike Shanahan help Portis rebound after Washington's featured back struggled through the worst season of his career in 2009? And what does Portis, who missed eight games with a concussion last season, have left? He has taken a pounding throughout his career, and he never has been known for great work habits. His career is very much at a crossroads.

18 BEANIE WELLS
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **3.20** |U|

■ He's a tall, slashing back with good speed, and he ran with more power than expected as a rookie — a very good sign. However, he needs to cut down on his fumbles.

19 KNOWSHON MORENO
DENVER BRONCOS

GRADE ➤ **3.20** |U|

■ Moreno was impressive in spurts last season. He's quick and athletic, but he does not have great speed.

20 JOSEPH ADDAI
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **3.10**

■ The Colts' running offense plays second fiddle to their powerful passing game, and Addai's numbers aren't overwhelming, but he's a valuable contributor to the offense. He's a very good pass blocker, and he possesses good speed. He quietly played very well in the Colts' final two postseason games.

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BEST OF THE REST

21	**THOMAS JONES** KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	3.10	|D|
22	**FELIX JONES** DALLAS COWBOYS	3.10	|UU|
23	**SHONN GREENE** NEW YORK JETS	3.10	|U|
24	**MATT FORTÉ** CHICAGO BEARS	3.10	
25	**MARION BARBER** DALLAS COWBOYS	3.10	
26	**LeSEAN McCOY** PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	3.10	|U|
27	**RICKY WILLIAMS** MIAMI DOLPHINS	3.10	
28	**FRED JACKSON** BUFFALO BILLS	3.00	
29	**REGGIE BUSH** NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	3.00	|X|
30	**AHMAD BRADSHAW** NEW YORK GIANTS	3.00	
31	**JEROME HARRISON** CLEVELAND BROWNS	3.00	

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

DONALD BROWN
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

TASHARD CHOICE
DALLAS COWBOYS

JUSTIN FORSETT
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

ARIAN FOSTER
HOUSTON TEXANS

TIM HIGHTOWER
ARIZONA CARDINALS

DARREN McFADDEN
OAKLAND RAIDERS

STEVE SLATON
HOUSTON TEXANS

WIDE RECEIVERS

1 ANDRE JOHNSON
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **4.65**

■ Johnson is a blue-chip player in every sense. He has rare physical skills, with excellent size, strength and speed for the position. He is exceptionally productive. He is technically sound, getting high marks as a route runner. He is dangerous running every route in the playbook, showing the ability to get deep and rack up yards after the catch. He works very hard and sets a good example for younger teammates. Universally respected, Johnson is one of the game's most valuable players.

2 LARRY FITZGERALD
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **4.40**

■ Fitzgerald can take over a game, as he showed in the Cardinals' postseason run two seasons ago. He's an outstanding target on short and intermediate routes with great hands and strength. He is capable of stretching the field, even though he didn't have a catch of 40 yards or more a season ago. Opponents will intensify their focus on him with Anquan Boldin now in Baltimore and QB Kurt Warner no longer behind center, but Fitzgerald will get his catches.

3 BRANDON MARSHALL
MIAMI DOLPHINS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ Marshall has caught more than 100 passes in each of his three seasons as a full-time starter, so it's clear that consistently getting open isn't a problem for him. However, off-the-field problems have marked his four-year career, and the Broncos dealt him to Miami in April for a pair of second-round picks. That said, Marshall is one of the NFL's tougher receivers to cover; he's strong and fast and can be dangerous after the catch. Also, he did a better job catching the ball last season. If he continues to produce at a high level and continues to mature, there will be no denying his place among the best receivers of his generation.

4 RANDY MOSS
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **4.10** |C|

■ Given what the Patriots traded for him in 2007 (a fourth-round pick), there can be no qualms about Moss' production in three seasons in New England. Moss has racked up more than 1,000 yards receiving in each of the last three years and has snagged 47 TD passes in that span. What's more, he has not missed a game. Questions about his effort began anew in some quarters after his production slipped in the second half of last season, but it's a little too early to count out Moss just yet. He still has good straight-line speed and leaping ability and an outstanding understanding of the game.

5 STEVE SMITH
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Considering the Panthers' shaky QB play of late and the lack of dangerous complementary targets to play opposite him for much of his career, Smith's production is very impressive. He possesses an excellent burst and can run by corners, but he also has excellent strength. What's more, he's a very good technician — he runs very good routes.

6 REGGIE WAYNE
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Wayne is very reliable (no missed games since 2001) and productive (100 catches or more in two of the past three seasons) — a key cog in the Colts' juggernaut on offense. Wayne does most of his damage on short and intermediate routes but has some deep speed, too. The emergence of Pierre Garcon and the return of Anthony Gonzalez should help him in 2010, for teams that double-team Wayne will be leaving another pass catcher with a favorable one-on-one matchup.

7 WES WELKER
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** |X|

■ Welker had a remarkable 2009 season, catching 123 passes in just 14 games and snagging 10 passes or more in half of the games he played. No wide receiver had more yards after the catch last season, a nod to Welker's quickness and agility and a Patriots offensive scheme that gets him the ball in space and

allows him to create. However, Welker is coming off two significant injuries — two torn ligaments in his left knee and a torn rotator cuff in one of his shoulders — that make his status for the beginning of the 2010 season uncertain.

8 CALVIN JOHNSON
DETROIT LIONS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** | U |

■ Johnson is a difficult matchup for any cornerback, boasting rare size for the position and excellent speed. He has produced in spite of shaky QB play throughout much of his three-year pro career, and he's quite capable of racking up 100 catches or more if young Matthew Stafford continues to improve. The best is yet to come for Johnson, the Lions' best player.

9 GREG JENNINGS
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Jennings possesses good speed, runs excellent routes and shows an ability to quicken his feet. Of the Packers' wide receivers, he's the most dangerous.

10 RODDY WHITE
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **3.95**

■ Consistency is becoming White's hallmark. He has caught at least 83 passes and racked up more than 1,150 yards receiving in each of the past three seasons. White, who has very good speed, has 50 catches of 20 yards or more in that span. The Falcons' go-to receiver, White has a strong all-around game.

11 VINCENT JACKSON
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.95**

■ Jackson has become an elite big-play receiver. The 6-5, 230-pound Jackson provides matchup problems with his size and speed and has blossomed in Norv Turner's offense. Only 27, and with his production increasing in every one of his five NFL seasons to date, Jackson has a bright future if he can avoid any more off-the-field incidents after a pair of DUI arrests.

12 MILES AUSTIN
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **3.90** | U |

■ After three forgettable seasons, Austin burst onto the scene in 2009. In the Cowboys' final 12 regular-season games, Austin caught 76 passes for 1,239 yards and eight touchdowns and clearly emerged as Dallas' top wide receiver. Austin has outstanding speed and separation ability and was downright dominant at times a season ago. If he plays this way in 2010, he's capable of catching 100 passes.

13 MARQUES COLSTON
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ One of the final picks in the 2006 draft, Colston is one of the all-time late-round finds. He has excellent size for the position and can make plays down the field. He runs very good routes, too. Simply a tough matchup.

14 CHAD OCHOCINCO
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ **3.80** | C |

■ Ochocinco commands the respect of opposing defenses, who know shutting him down can blunt Cincinnati's passing game. He still has some vertical speed, but the Bengals don't take shots downfield in the passing game like they once did. However, while he is an above-average receiver, he can be taken out of his game by top competition; note that he got little done against Jets CB Darrelle Revis in their two matchups a season ago.

15 DeSEAN JACKSON
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **3.80** | U |

■ Diminutive but extremely fast, Jackson is a vertical threat of the highest order. Given a free release and favorable matchup, he'll make the opposition pay. The concerns about Jackson are his slight frame (5-10, 175) and his lack of productivity for stretches of games. He's the epitome of a home-run threat.

16 SIDNEY RICE
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **3.80** | U |

■ When Brett Favre took over as the Vikings' quarterback, Rice became a star. The 6-4, 202-pound Rice has shown he can get deep — and he has become someone Favre looked for in key situations last season. Rice, who doesn't turn 24 until Sept. 1, could be a No. 1 receiver for years to come.

17 ANQUAN BOLDIN
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.70**

■ Boldin could give the Ravens' passing offense a major boost. He's tough and dependable and has some run-after-the-catch ability. Questions linger about his durability, but he produces at a high level when healthy.

18 STEVE SMITH
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.60**

■ Quick, sure-handed and smart, Smith is the Giants' go-to receiver. He isn't particularly fast, but he consistently works open and is a reliable possession receiver.

19 SANTONIO HOLMES
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.60**

■ Holmes has the speed needed to get deep and the ability to create after the catch. However, off-the-field problems led the Steelers to deal him to the Jets for just a fifth-round pick in April, and he will miss the first four games of the '09 season after violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

20 HINES WARD
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** | D |

■ Ward continues to produce at a high level even after years of playing with more physicality than many receivers ever do. He still has good quickness and strength and finds a way to get open. Very dependable on third downs.

21 DONALD DRIVER
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Driver continues to give opposing defenses fits. He runs textbook routes, works open and possesses sure hands. He has had a remarkable career.

22 MICHAEL CRABTREE
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** | U |

■ Crabtree is a remarkable talent. After a prolonged holdout, he quickly moved into the Niners' starting lineup and had an immediate impact on the offense. It would not be a surprise if he caught 70-80 passes in his second season. However, his concentration needs to improve; he dropped seven passes in just 11 starts last season.

23 DWAYNE BOWE
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

GRADE ➤ **3.35**

■ Bowe had a 2009 season to forget. He was suspended for four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances, and he struggled to get into head coach Todd Haley's good graces. He is a big, physical possession receiver who produced at a high level in his first two seasons and easily could bounce back this season, particularly if he improves his conditioning.

24 PERCY HARVIN
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **3.30** | U |

■ Harvin is a very intriguing prospect. He is so quick and strong, and he very well could have a breakout season in his second NFL campaign. If he continues to work at his craft — and if the migraine headaches that plagued him prove more manageable or cease alto-

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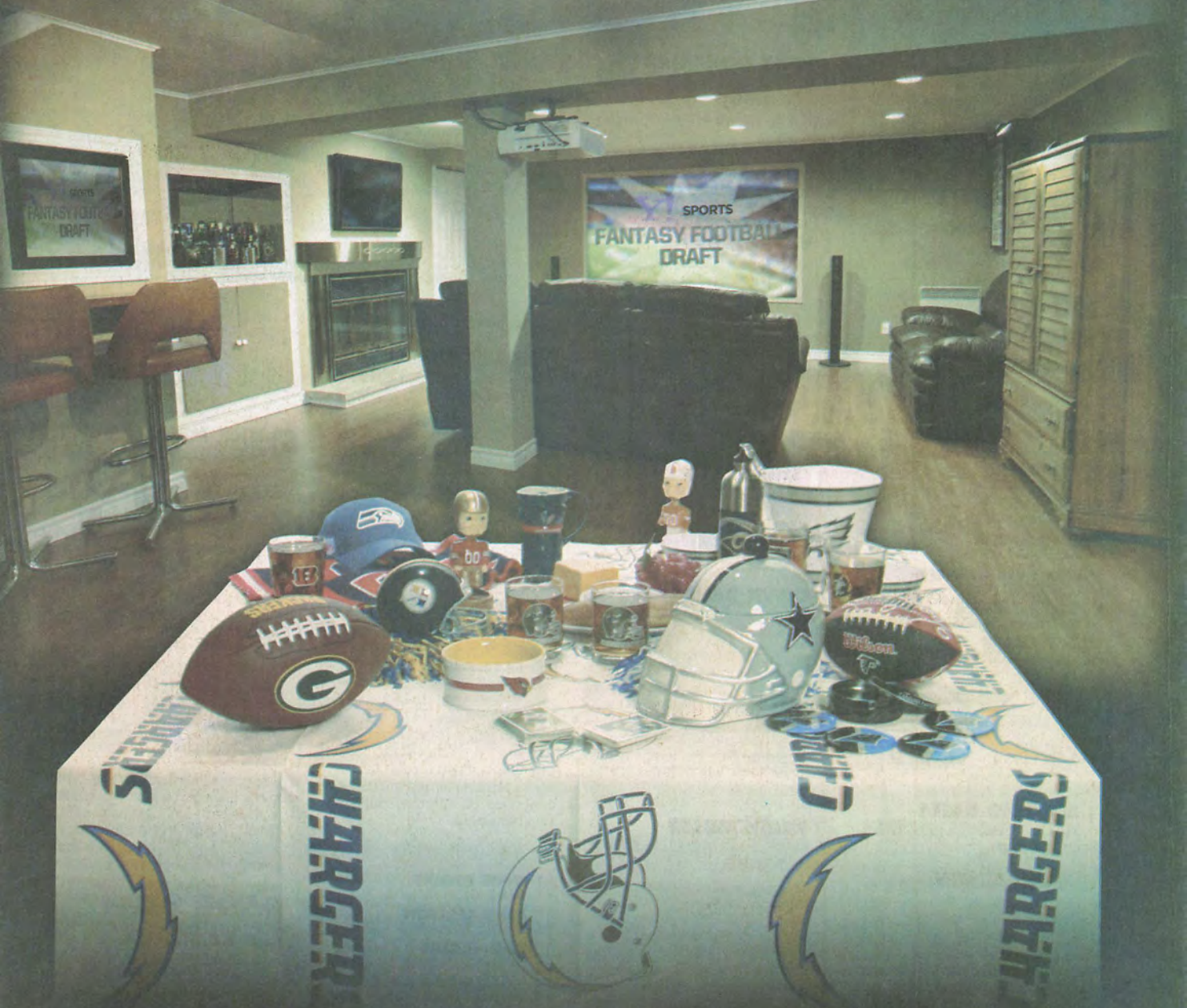

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25 T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

GRADE ➤ **3.30** |D|

■ Houshmandzadeh is a move-the-chains possession receiver. Quick and savvy, he knows how to get open. However, he lacks deep speed.

BEST OF THE REST

26 **LEE EVANS** BUFFALO BILLS 3.25
27 **MIKE SIMS-WALKER** JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS 3.25
28 **DERRICK MASON** BALTIMORE RAVENS 3.20 |D|
29 **BRAYLON EDWARDS** NEW YORK JETS 3.00
30 **STEVE BREASTON** ARIZONA CARDINALS 3.00

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

DEVIN AROMASHODU CHICAGO BEARS
JASON AVANT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
DONNIE AVERY ST. LOUIS RAMS
KENNY BRITT TENNESSEE TITANS
AUSTIN COLLIE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
PIERRE GARCON INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
ANTHONY GONZALEZ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
DEVIN HESTER CHICAGO BEARS
HAKEEM NICKS NEW YORK GIANTS
JEREMY MACLIN PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
MARIO MANNINGHAM NEW YORK GIANTS
ROBERT MEACHEM NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
MIKE WALLACE PITTSBURGH STEELERS

TIGHT ENDS

1 ANTONIO GATES
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ Gates presents matchup problems galore for opposing defenses — he's just too fast for most linebackers and too tall for most defensive backs. No tight end is more effective getting open downfield; note that 61 of his 79 catches last season went for first downs. Gates is also a reliable red-zone target. In all, he's truly a rare receiving talent.

2 JASON WITTEN
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ Witten, who has averaged 90.3 receptions the past three seasons, has an excellent all-around game. He's an outstanding short and intermediate target in the passing game, running good routes and catching most everything thrown his way. Also, he's a solid blocker in the running game. His reliability is a strong suit.

3 DALLAS CLARK
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ The 6-3, 252-pound Clark caught a career-high 100 passes last season. He can be deployed in many ways and has the speed to split the seam, but he also has a knack for getting open on short routes. Enjoys an excellent rapport with Peyton Manning.

4 TONY GONZALEZ
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** |D|

■ A future Hall of Famer, Gonzalez quickly became a reliable security blanket for QB Matt Ryan in his first season in Atlanta. Strong and athletic, Gonzalez is a very good short-area and red-zone target.

5 VERNON DAVIS
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ **3.90** |U|

■ Davis took a major step forward in 2009, catching a career-high 78 passes for 965 passes and 13 TDs in a passing offense not exactly known for its aggressiveness and ability to generate big plays. He has rare strength and athleticism for the position and can be dominant if he gets a favorable matchup. What's more, he's a capable blocker, too. Just 26, there's no reason he can't rank among the elite at his position for years to come. Consistency will be a key for him — he needs to cut down on his mistakes, with dropped passes a big concern.

6 OWEN DANIELS
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **3.90** |X|

■ Daniels was playing at a Pro Bowl level when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in November. One of the game's faster tight ends, Daniels has developed wonderfully in Gary Kubiak's offense. However, his durability is a question — he has torn the ACL in his left knee twice.

7 HEATH MILLER
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ Miller is a very good blocker and a dependable target for QB Ben Roethlisberger. He sometimes gets lost in the shuffle when the game's best tight ends are discussed, but he's one of the NFL's more well-rounded tight ends. He was a much bigger part of the passing game last season, catching a career-high 76 passes.

8 BRENT CELEK
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **3.75** |U|

■ Among tight ends, only Antonio Gates had more catches of 20 yards or longer in 2009 than Celek, who has developed into one of the Eagles' major weapons in the passing game. Has good quickness and above-average run-after-the-catch ability for the position. One area he must improve on: dropped passes.

9 KELLEN WINSLOW
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

GRADE ➤ **3.65** |X|

■ Winslow caught 77 passes for 884 yards and five TDs in 2009 for a Buccaneers offense that started three different quarterbacks. He has a history of knee problems, and his long-term durability remains in question, but he played all 16 games a season ago, and every time he has played a full campaign, he has produced at a high level.

10 JERMICHAEL FINLEY
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.55** |UU|

■ Just 23, Finley has a bright future. He finished his second NFL season with a six-catch, 159-yard performance against an Arizona defense that struggled to slow him. In the Packers' high-powered passing offense, he's a threat to reach 1,000 yards receiving in 2010 if he continues to improve. His speed sets him apart.

BEST OF THE REST

11 **CHRIS COOLEY** WASHINGTON REDSKINS 3.55 |X|
12 **JOHN CARLSON** SEATTLE SEAHAWKS 3.55 |U|
13 **ZACH MILLER** OAKLAND RAIDERS 3.50
14 **VISANTHE SHIANCOE** MINNESOTA VIKINGS 3.25 |U|
15 **GREG OLSEN** CHICAGO BEARS 3.25

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

MARTELLUS BENNETT DALLAS COWBOYS
FRED DAVIS WASHINGTON REDSKINS
DUSTIN KELLER NEW YORK JETS
BRANDON PETTIGREW DETROIT LIONS
DEREK SCHOUMAN BUFFALO BILLS

CENTERS

1 NICK MANGOLD
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Mangold deserves top billing among the NFL's centers. Just 26, he could hold this spot for many years to come. The 6-4, 305-pound Mangold is strong and intelligent. He plays with good technique and rarely gets put in a bad position. He understands how to play with leverage. Also, he's durable and consistent, having started every game in his professional career.

2 RYAN KALIL
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ Kalil moves as well as any center in the league; his lateral quickness is excellent. Though he's on the small side for the position at 6-2 and 295 pounds, he is technically sound. Has a bright future.

3 ANDRE GURODE
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **3.70**

■ The 6-4, 308-pound Gurode has excellent size and strength for the position and thrives as a run blocker. However, he can struggle with quicker interior linemen, though he is a better pass blocker than he was earlier in his career.

4 SHAUN O'HARA
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.65**

■ The 6-3, 303-pound O'Hara is cerebral and has improved throughout his career. He has become an integral part of the Giants' offensive line. O'Hara is proof that a strong understand-

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ing of the game and a wealth of experience can be tremendous assets for a center.

5 JEFF FAINE
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

GRADE ➤ **3.65**

■ Faine has made his mark as a quick, technically sound pivot. However, his durability is a slight concern — he has missed time with injuries in five of his seven NFL seasons.

6 MATT BIRK
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.50**

■ Birk, who turns 34 in July, remains one of the better centers in the game. He is smart, athletic and experienced, and he meshed nicely with the Ravens' line in his first season in Baltimore.

7 JASON BROWN
ST. LOUIS RAMS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Brown's strength and size are assets in the NFC West, where the Rams have to contend with the 49ers' and Cardinals' 3-4 schemes. His game is power, not quickness or finesse. However, the 6-3, 328-pound Brown must make sure he doesn't get too heavy.

8 JEFF SATURDAY
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Saturday might be the NFL's most famous center on the basis of his longtime association with Peyton Manning. His understanding of the game is his strongest asset, but evaluators say he gets beat more than you might expect.

9 ALEX MACK
CLEVELAND BROWNS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** |U|

■ Mack impressed as a rookie, starting all 16 games. The 6-4, 311-pound Mack is strong and tough and is a very good fit for a Browns offense that faces 3-4 defenses in Baltimore and Pittsburgh and was at its best taking the air of out of the football late last season. He's an ascending player.

10 OLIN KREUTZ
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ **3.30**

■ Tough and experienced, the 6-2, 292-pound Kreutz has been consistently dependable for the Bears.

BEST OF THE REST

11	**ERIC HEITMANN** SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	3.30
12	**KEVIN MAWAE** FREE AGENT	3.30
13	**JONATHAN GOODWIN** NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	3.15
14	**LYLE SENDLEIN** ARIZONA CARDINALS	3.15
15	**BRAD MEESTER** JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	3.15

TOP VETERAN PROSPECT

MAX UNGER
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

1 JAHRI EVANS
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Evans might be the most complete guard in the game. Strong, physical and technically sound, Evans doesn't make many mistakes, and he has no glaring weakness, according to evaluators. He's a very good run blocker and holds his own in pass protection, too. What's more, he plays hard.

2 STEVE HUTCHINSON
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** |D|

■ Hutchinson continues to play at a high level entering his 10th NFL season. He's equally strong at run and pass blocking. He pulls well. He understands angles. Simply put, he's one of the best guards of his generation.

3 CHRIS SNEE
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Snee draws raves from evaluators. Smart and athletic, he isn't overpowering, but he has a very good all-around game.

4 BEN GRUBBS
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ The Ravens' starting left guard, Grubbs has excellent quickness and athleticism for the position. Also, he possesses good strength. Just 26, the 6-3, 315-pound Grubbs should rank among the NFL's best at his position for years to come.

5 LOGAN MANKINS
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ Mankins has the nasty temperament desired in a guard, as well as the requisite strength. He has struggled in pass protection at points of his career, but he surrendered just one sack in 2009. Has been a key part of the Pats' line since being drafted in 2005.

6 LEONARD DAVIS
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ The 6-6, 353-pound Davis can usually manhandle his opposition when he's up to playing strong and physical. However, he'll take some plays off, according to those who have watched him closely. Nevertheless, he has a special skill set for the position and provides a formidable presence on the right side of the Cowboys' line.

7 KRIS DIELMAN
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ Dielman's game is nastiness and effort. The three-time Pro Bowler gets every ounce out of his ability. The downside to such an approach? He can play out of control at times.

8 CARL NICKS
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **3.60** |U|

■ Nicks is not especially athletic, but he's strong, tough and nasty. Has developed into a solid starter for a New Orleans offensive line that protects Drew Brees well and must be adaptable, considering head coach Sean Payton's play-calling creativity.

9 DAVIN JOSEPH
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

GRADE ➤ **3.60** |U|

■ Joseph is a pillar for the rebuilding Buccaneers. He has very good athleticism for the position. He also has long arms and big hands. Can be downright dominant at times.

10 ALAN FANECA
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **3.60** |D|

■ Faneca is very dependable — his last missed start was in 2001. He brings a steady, smart, physical presence to the Cardinals, who signed him after the Jets cut him.

11 TODD HERREMANS
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ Herremans has the athleticism necessary to also swing out to tackle if necessary. He has long arms and a big frame. He missed five games with a foot injury in 2009 but generally has been durable throughout has career.

12 TRAVELLLE WHARTON
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.30**

■ Wharton, who slid out to tackle last season when Jordan Gross was out of the lineup, is one of the better pass-protecting guards in the game. He is not overpowering in the running game, however. What's more, he could stand to improve his consistency.

13 ERIC STEINBACH
CLEVELAND BROWNS

GRADE ➤ **3.30**

■ Steinbach has above-average athleticism for a left guard. Also, he plays with good technique. His lack of strength is a weakness, however.

14 JOSH SITTON
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.15**

■ Sitton developed nicely last season, starting all 16 games at right guard for Green Bay. Head coach Mike McCarthy said Sitton was the club's most consistent offensive lineman in 2009.

15 JAKE SCOTT
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **3.15**

■ The reliable Scott has started all 16 games in each of the last five seasons, and he has meshed well with the Titans' well-regarded O-line. RB Chris Johnson was particularly effective running to the right, Scott's side, last season.

BEST OF THE REST

16	**HARVEY DAHL** ATLANTA FALCONS	3.15
17	**CHRIS KEMOEATU** PITTSBURGH STEELERS	3.15
18	**JUSTIN SMILEY** MIAMI DOLPHINS	3.05
19	**BOBBIE WILLIAMS** CINCINNATI BENGALS	3.00
20	**DEUCE LUTUI** ARIZONA CARDINALS	3.00

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

ERIC WOOD
BUFFALO BILLS

MARSHAL YANDA
BALTIMORE RAVENS

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

1 RYAN CLADY
DENVER BRONCOS

GRADE ➤ **4.10** |U|

■ On raw ability, Clady might be the best tackle in the game. He has rare athleticism and long arms and can shut down opposing pass rushers. However, he's not as strong in the running game, and he could stand to be more powerful. The Broncos are hopeful he'll be ready for Week One after an offseason knee injury.

2 JOE THOMAS
CLEVELAND BROWNS

GRADE ➤ **4.10** |U|

■ Evaluators say Thomas is the most consistent tackle in the game. He has the tough, blue-collar mentality desired in a tackle, coupled

with very good athleticism and technique. He is strong in the running game and rarely gets beat in pass protection. The new Browns have struggled to make the right call in the first round, but Thomas, selected one pick after Calvin Johnson in 2007, is a blue-chipper.

3 JAKE LONG
MIAMI DOLPHINS

GRADE ➤ **4.00** | U |

■ The No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 draft, Long already ranks among the top tackles in the game. He just doesn't get beat often in pass protection, and he is powerful in the running game. What he lacks in polish he makes up for with hard work.

4 MICHAEL ROOS
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Roos is athletic and intelligent, which pays dividends for him both as a run blocker and a pass protector. He simply doesn't give up many sacks, and he has played a key role in Tennessee's success in the ground game. That said, he does give up more QB pressures than you might expect.

5 JASON PETERS
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Peters has All-Pro ability, but he has only flashed it the past two seasons. Evaluators say he has struggled more in pass protection than a tackle with his skill set should. He's the NFC's most talented tackle, yes, but consistency isn't his strong suit.

6 D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** | U |

■ After a somewhat underwhelming start to his career, Ferguson quietly has developed into one of the game's better left tackles. Athletic, smart and with ideal size for the position, Ferguson improved significantly last season.

7 JORDAN GROSS
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.65** | U |

■ Gross, who missed the final seven games of the 2009 season with a broken leg, is one of the NFL's more consistent tackles, according to those who watch line play closely. He's best in the running game and can have his problems with powerful pass rushers. He might be best on the right side, but he has the athleticism and feet needed to play on the left side.

8 JAMMAL BROWN
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** | X |

■ Brown missed the entire 2009 season after suffering sports hernia and hip injuries. If he returns to his past form, he'll strengthen an already formidable Saints O-line that benefits greatly from the quick decision making of QB Drew Brees. When healthy, Brown is an athletic left tackle who stacks up with the NFC's elite at his position.

9 MARCUS McNEILL
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.50**

■ McNeill struggled somewhat last season. A lack of consistency is his most glaring flaw. However, he has very good athleticism and has played very well for stretches in his career.

10 JEFF OTAH
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** | U |

■ Otah is powerful in the running game. He has Pro Bowl talent, but he needs to make strides in pass protection. His technique needs refinement.

11 WILLIE COLON
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Colon played at a high level last season and has become the Steelers' best offensive lineman. He's solid in pass protection and as a run blocker, too. He has made major strides since entering the starting lineup.

12 JARED GAITHER
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** | U |

■ The massive Gaither doesn't lack for upside. Just 24, he could be one of the game's better left tackles for years to come. All he needs is to be a little more consistent.

13 MICHAEL OHER
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** | U |

■ Oher has a very bright future whether he stays at right tackle (his current position) or slides over to the left side. Outstanding athleticism sets him apart.

14 BRYANT McKINNIE
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

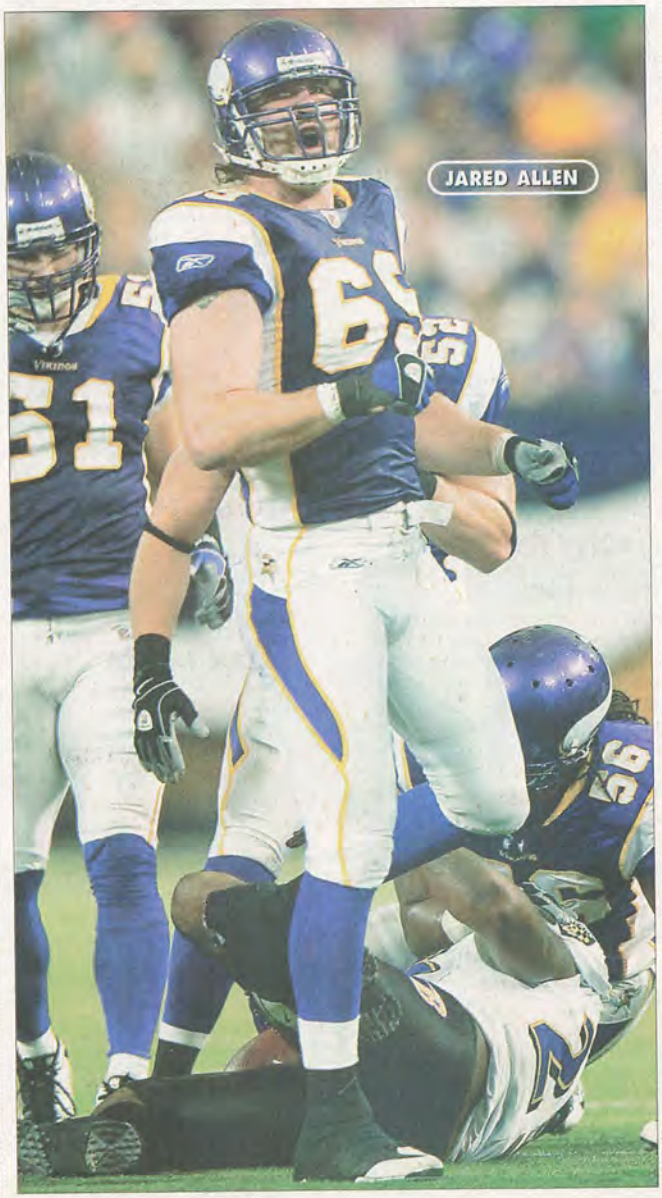
GRADE ➤ **3.40** | D |

■ McKinnie's lack of consistency can be confounding. He has the tools to be a consistent blue-chipper, but he rarely plays to that level. However, he's still a starter-caliber left tackle with above-average talent.

15 DAVID STEWART
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ One of the game's better right tackles, Stewart is a strong run blocker.



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17	JON STINCHCOMB, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	3.40	
18	LEVI BROWN, ARIZONA CARDINALS	3.40	
19	RYAN HARRIS, DENVER BRONCOS	3.30	
20	DAVID DIEHL, NEW YORK GIANTS	3.30	
21	DONALD PENN, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	3.25	
22	SAM BAKER, ATLANTA FALCONS	3.25	
23	ANDREW WHITWORTH, CINCINNATI BENGALS	3.25	
24	FLOZELL ADAMS, FREE AGENT	3.20	
25	MATT LIGHT, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3.20	

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

WILLIAM BEATTY
NEW YORK GIANTS

DEMETRIUS BELL
BUFFALO BILLS

EBEN BRITTON
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

JERMON BUSHROD
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

PHIL LOADHOLT
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EUGENE MONROE
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

ANDRE SMITH
CINCINNATI BENGALS

JASON SMITH
ST. LOUIS RAMS

SEBASTIAN VOLLMER
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

CHRIS WILLIAMS
CHICAGO BEARS

DEFENSIVE ENDS

1 JARED ALLEN
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **4.40**

■ Allen is the most well-rounded end in the game. He's capable of using power or speed to get to the passer. His hand use is excellent. His motor never stops. Also, he's a very intelligent player. He's a good bet to notch at least a dozen sacks each season.

2 MARIO WILLIAMS
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **4.30**

■ Williams has rare athleticism for a 295-pound defensive end. Strong and quick, he's a tough matchup whether he's rushing off left or right end. His toughness is an

JULIUS PEPPERS

underrated part of his game — he played through a nagging shoulder injury a season ago, which really limited his effectiveness at times. However, he still finished with nine sacks, and he didn't miss a game.

3 DWIGHT FREENEY
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **4.30**

■ Freeney is unbelievably fast; when the Colts have a lead and he's able to strictly rush the passer, he's very effective. Few defensive players have fit their team and scheme as well in recent memory, and few pass rushers have ever been more disruptive. However, he's not nearly as strong defending the run as some of the other ends on this list.

4 JULIUS PEPPERS
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ The Bears gave Peppers a monster contract to take their pass rush to the next level, and he's capable of doing that. He has ideal size and athletic ability for the position and can rack up sacks in bunches. The big question, of course, is how motivated he will be after receiving $42 million in guaranteed money.

5 TRENT COLE
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Cole's motor is perhaps his best asset, but he's also a very good technician. He knows how to use his hands, and he understands how to beat his opponent in a variety of ways. He's one of the game's more productive ends — always a threat to notch double-digit sacks and 60-70 tackles.

6 JUSTIN TUCK
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Tuck is the most complete of the Giants' ends — effective vs. the run and the pass. Tuck is strong and quick off the ball and capable of playing end or tackle at a high level.

7 ROBERT MATHIS
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ Mathis has outstanding speed and underrated strength. He uses his hands well and understands angles and leverage. Like Dwight Freeney, he can be very disruptive in obvious pass-rush situations.

8 WILL SMITH
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ **3.80**

■ The 6-3, 282-pound Smith notched a career-high 13 sacks last season. He's one of the NFC's better all-around ends.

9 TY WARREN
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ Warren is adept at doing the dirty work that 3-4 ends must do, holding firm at the point of attack, tying up blockers and giving the Patriots' linebackers a chance to flow to the ball. He has flashed some better-than-expected pass-rush ability at times in his career, but run stuffing is his game.

10 RICHARD SEYMOUR
OAKLAND RAIDERS

GRADE ➤ **3.65** |D|

■ The Raiders wouldn't let the 6-6, 310-pound Seymour get away in free agency, giving him the exclusive franchise tag. Seymour can be a disruptive pass rusher on occasion — after all, he had a pair of two-sack games a season ago. However, he's strongest against the run. He is also capable of sliding inside to tackle.

11 OSI UMENYIORA
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ **3.55** |C|

■ Umenyiora has elite pass-rushing ability; there's little doubting that. However, he is not strong against the run. Perhaps he will improve in his second season removed from a serious knee injury, but it's clear he enters this season with something to prove.

12 RAY EDWARDS
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** |U|

■ Edwards quietly has become one of the game's better ends playing opposite Jared Allen. After notching 8½ sacks in the regular season, he racked up four in the playoffs. Certainly he benefits from teams trying to stop Allen, but he has proven to be an effective pass rusher in his own right, and he is also stout vs. the run.

13 SHAUN ELLIS
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.50**

■ Strong, and possessing better-than-average pass-rush ability for a 3-4 end, Ellis is a key cog in the Jets' defense. He has had a long, productive career with New York.

14 CALAIS CAMPBELL
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** |U|

■ Campbell's one of the more interesting DE prospects in the game. He has rare size and long arms and has upside as a pass rusher, as evidenced by his seven sacks last season. Another factor working in his favor: He has a passion for the game and works hard at his craft.

15 ANDRE CARTER
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ Carter racked up 11 sacks in a resurgent 2009 campaign. Don't overlook his contributions to a stout Redskins defense that had another high-quality pass rusher in OLB Brian Orakpo.

16 KYLE VANDEN BOSCH
DETROIT LIONS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ Vanden Bosch has an outstanding motor and will set a great example for a young Lions defense. However, he notched only three sacks last season, and it remains to be seen whether he still can be an elite pass rusher.

17 ANTWAN ODOM
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** |X|

■ Odom started the '09 season playing better than he ever had before, notching eight sacks in his first six games — five in a tour de force against overmatched Green Bay in September — before suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon. Strong and powerful, he uses his hands well and looked very much like he could be a Pro Bowl-caliber end before his injury.

18 JOHN ABRAHAM
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** |D|

■ Abraham notched only 5½ sacks a season ago after racking up 16½ the previous season. Quick off the edge, he still could be capable of racking up double-digit sacks if he gets the right matchups — and if the Falcons build a few more leads.

19 AARON KAMPMAN
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

GRADE ➤ **3.35** |X|

■ The Jaguars signed Kampman to bolster their pass rush, something he's quite capable of doing if he plays like he did from 2006-08, when he notched 37 sacks playing end in Green Bay's 4-3 scheme. He was not as good a fit in Dom Capers' 3-4 scheme, and he suffered a season-ending knee injury in November. However, he expects to be ready for training camp.

20 ANTONIO SMITH
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **3.30**

■ Smith does many things well. He can create some pressure off the edge, and he's stout against the run. He's also capable of playing inside. He has gotten markedly better since entering the NFL, and his versatility gives the Texans some options as they develop second-year DE Connor Barwin, an edge-rushing prospect.

BEST OF THE REST

21 **AARON SCHOBEL** BUFFALO BILLS **3.30** |D|
22 **MATHIAS KIWANUKA** NEW YORK GIANTS **3.30** |U|
23 **RANDY STARKS** MIAMI DOLPHINS **3.25**
24 **CULLEN JENKINS** GREEN BAY PACKERS **3.15**
25 **AARON SMITH** PITTSBURGH STEELERS **3.00** |X/D|

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

CONNOR BARWIN HOUSTON TEXANS
WILLIAM HAYES TENNESSEE TITANS
ZIGGY HOOD PITTSBURGH STEELERS
TYSON JACKSON KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
CHARLES JOHNSON CAROLINA PANTHERS
MICHAEL JOHNSON CINCINNATI BENGALS
JOHNNY JOLLY GREEN BAY PACKERS
CHRIS LONG ST. LOUIS RAMS
MATT SHAUGHNESSY OAKLAND RAIDERS

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

1 KEVIN WILLIAMS
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **4.25**

■ Consistently productive, Williams is an above-average pass rusher. Even when he's not getting to the quarterback, he's capable of drawing double-teams and tying up blockers. He has an outstanding understanding of the game.

2 HALOTI NGATA
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **4.05**

■ The massive Ngata moves exceptionally well for a 6-4, 345-pound lineman, even showing the ability to drop into coverage. He's a force in the running game, able to tie up blockers at times and use his brute strength to power into the backfield at others. He can collapse the pocket, too.

3 DARNELL DOCKETT
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Dockett explodes off the ball and ranks among the more disruptive D-tackles in the game. Whether he's playing the three-technique tackle position or defensive end, he's a handful to block. His durability is a strong suit — he never has

missed a game in six NFL seasons.

4 ALBERT HAYNESWORTH
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ No defensive tackle on this list may have more natural ability. He can play anywhere along the defensive line, and he can stuff the run and collapse the pocket as a pass rusher. However, he has a tendency to sustain nagging injuries, and he has missed multiple games because of injury in six of his seven seasons. Also, his effort and consistency can leave you wanting more.

5 JAY RATLIFF
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ Ratliff is a three-down defensive tackle. He's fairly strong against the run, but he also has shown he can split the double-team and get after the quarterback. He has developed into a top-caliber defender.

6 SHAUN ROGERS
CLEVELAND BROWNS

GRADE ➤ 3.80

■ Rogers missed the final five games of the Browns' season with a broken leg, but he was expected to be ready for the club's OTAs. Rogers, who can be dominant at times, could see more time at defensive end this season as the Browns try to get Ahtyba Rubin on the field more. Rogers could be a very good 3-4 end for the same reasons he's such a good nose tackle: He's strong and athletic, and he can overmatch his opponent.

7 VINCE WILFORK
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ 3.80

■ Wilfork is one of the NFL's premier nose tackles — strong, active and nasty. The only big concern with him is his weight; he can get too heavy at times.

8 KRIS JENKINS
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ 3.70

■ Jenkins missed most of last season with a knee injury, but he is expected to be ready for training camp. His durability is a lingering concern — can he be a force for 16 games, or will he only dominate in flashes? He has outstanding size for the position and also boasts good quickness.

9 BRODERICK BUNKLEY
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ 3.60

■ Bunkley has the ability to play the three-technique and nose tackle and has some pass-rushing ability. He has developed into an effective performer — a key part of the Eagles' defense.

10 CASEY HAMPTON
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ 3.55

■ Strong and rugged, Hampton digs in and holds his ground in the A-gap. He has been a key part of many Steelers defenses that were stout vs. the run.

11 DOMATA PEKO
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ 3.50

■ The 6-3, 318-pound Peko is an integral part of the Bengals' front seven. He missed five games with a knee injury in 2009 — the first serious injury he had suffered in four NFL seasons — but returned in time for the playoffs. He teams with Tank Johnson to provide a stout tandem in the middle of the Cincinnati D-line.

12 JUSTIN SMITH
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ 3.50

■ Smith has an unusual skill set. He can play end in a 3-4 or a 4-3 front, but the Niners have used him inside with success, and he made the Pro Bowl as a defensive tackle last season. No matter where he plays, Smith is a tough matchup because of his relentlessness. He is athletic, and he gives top effort at all times.

13 PAT WILLIAMS
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ 3.45

■ Williams remains a top-notch run stuffer, one of the major keys to the Vikings' run-stopping efforts. Big, strong defensive tackles can play a long time if they consistently tie up blockers and make opponents alter their game plan in the running game, and Williams continues to do his job very well.

14 TONY BROWN
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ 3.40

■ Brown racked up a career-high five sacks last season and has above-average pass-rush ability for the position. He's proof that it sometimes takes time for a defensive tackle to put it all together; he played with three other teams before signing with Tennessee in 2006.

15 SEDRICK ELLIS
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

GRADE ➤ 3.30

■ Ellis' inability to stay healthy is worrisome — he has missed nine regular-season games in his first two years in the league — but when he has played, he has flashed good pass-rushing ability. He's an above-average talent who has a chance to notch a half-dozen sacks if he can play an entire season.

16 JOHN HENDERSON
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

GRADE ➤ 3.30

■ The 6-7, 335-pound Henderson isn't quite as disruptive as he was earlier in his career, but he is still an effective starter.

17 AUBRAYO FRANKLIN
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ 3.30

■ Franklin has come a long way from when he was a backup with the Ravens. He has started 44 games in three seasons with the Niners, and the club gave him the franchise tag this offseason. He's a space-eating nose tackle who's an integral part of an improving San Francisco defense.

18 TOMMIE HARRIS
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ 3.30 |x|

■ When healthy, Harris gets off the ball quickly and is one of the NFL's more effective interior pass rushers. However, he has struggled to stay healthy, with a hamstring injury bothering him last season.

19 KELLY GREGG
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ 3.20

■ Gregg is undersized, but he is very strong, and he understands how to play with leverage. Also, he's quick, and he gives great effort. Strong vs. the run, Gregg usually posts above-average tackle numbers for a defensive tackle.

20 RYAN PICKETT
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ 3.20

■ The Packers gave Pickett the franchise tag, a sign of how much they value him. He plays nose tackle in the Packers' 3-4 scheme and plays it well.

BEST OF THE REST

21	MIKE PATTERSON, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	3.15
22	KYLE WILLIAMS, BUFFALO BILLS	3.15
23	JAMAL WILLIAMS, DENVER BRONCOS	3.10
24	JONATHAN BABINEAUX, ATLANTA FALCONS	3.10
25	TONY HARGROVE, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	3.10
26	CHRIS CANTY, NEW YORK GIANTS	3.10

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

RON BRACE
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

JARRON GILBERT
CHICAGO BEARS

PERIA JERRY
ATLANTA FALCONS

ANTONIO JOHNSON
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

JASON JONES
TENNESSEE TITANS

TERRANCE KNIGHTON
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

DAN MUIR
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

B.J. RAJI
GREEN BAY PACKERS

AHTYBA RUBIN
CLEVELAND BROWNS

PAT SIMS
CINCINNATI BENGALS

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

1 PATRICK WILLIS
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ 4.25

■ He's the complete package — strong, fast, athletic, instinctive. Excellent sideline-to-sideline speed would allow him to thrive as the "Mike" in a 4-3 scheme, but he's a great fit in San Francisco's "30" front, too. He has outstanding lateral quickness and snuffs out potential big plays outside the tackles as well as any inside 'backer. A blue-chipper and the gold standard at his position.

2 DeMECO RYANS
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ Quick and smart, Ryans is the heart and soul of the Texans' defense. Those who have watched him closely note how technically sound he is. He plays with excellent knee bend, reads his keys properly and always seems to be in the right position. He has a strong relationship with standout SLB Brian Cushing and has played an important role in his development.

3 JON BEASON
CAROLINA PANTHERS

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ Tackle machine — has racked up

at least 138 in each of his first three seasons and hasn't missed a game. Defends the pass very well and also does more than his share in run support. Can play out of control at times, but the positives far outweigh the negatives with Beason.

4 JONATHAN VILMA
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ The quarterback of the Saints' defense, Vilma is at home as the middle linebacker in a 4-3 defense. Instinctive, smart and athletic, he affords Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams the flexibility to be creative. Vilma is strong vs. the pass and is a dependable, sure tackler in the run game.

5 DAVID HARRIS
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.85** |U|

■ Harris thrived in his first season in Rex Ryan's defense, posting 127 tackles, 5½ sacks and two interceptions. Also, he played exceptionally well in the Jets' AFC title-game loss at Indianapolis, notching 11 tackles and the club's only two sacks of Peyton Manning. Harris is instinctive and physical, an outstanding fit in a 3-4 front. The best could be yet to come for him in a defense that suits his skills so well.

6 RAY LEWIS
BALTIMORE RAVENS

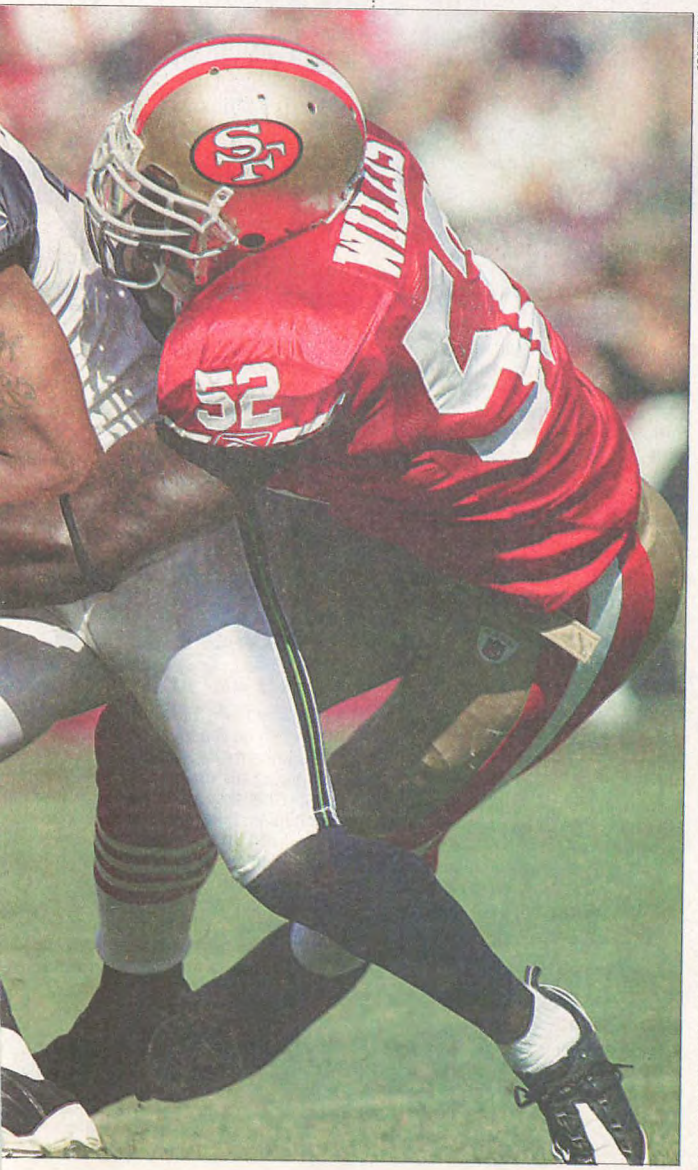
GRADE ➤ **3.85** |D|

■ A surefire first-ballot Hall of Famer, Lewis continues to produce at a high level. Blessed with legendary instincts and boasting an incredible work ethic, Lewis is proof a top-caliber linebacker can play well into his 30s if he stays healthy. He doesn't run as well as he used to, but he's still one of the AFC's better inside linebackers.

7 JEROD MAYO
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **3.80** |U|

■ Mayo missed three games in 2009 with a knee injury but still managed to rack up 103 tackles. He has very good instincts and has fit in exceptionally well in the Patriots' defense, which can employ 3-4 and 4-3 looks. No matter the scheme, Mayo can thrive, and he has a very bright future.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8 KARLOS DANSBY
MIAMI DOLPHINS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ The Dolphins gave Dansby a huge contract (five years, $43 million, $22 million guaranteed) to bring a playmaking presence to an ILB corps that sorely needed one. Dansby can be disruptive when deployed as a blitzer, and he's very good in pass coverage, with good quickness and long arms.

9 LONDON FLETCHER
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** |D|

■ Fletcher finally earned a Pro Bowl berth in 2009 after years of exceptional production. He's smart, tough — a pro's pro. His durability is remarkable; he has never missed a professional game in 12 years. One other remarkable statistic: He has racked up progressively more tackles in each of his three seasons in Washington (128, 133, 142).

10 BART SCOTT
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.65**

■ He had a solid first season with the Jets, notching 92 tackles. Provides strong leadership and helps set the tone for a swarming, physical defense.

11 GARY BRACKETT
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ **3.50**

■ Brackett is very valuable to the Colts' defense, and in the offseason, team president Bill Polian gave him a five-year, $33 million contract to keep him in the fold. The swift Brackett is a strong leader on and off the field.

12 LOFA TATUPU
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** |X|

■ Tatupu played in only five games last season because of a torn pectoral muscle. When healthy, he's one of the more unique "Mike" linebackers in the game — a speedy, exceptionally instinctive player who thrives despite lacking ideal size for the position. There's no reason he shouldn't bounce back nicely this season.

13 CURTIS LOFTON
ATLANTA FALCONS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** |U|

■ Lofton has been an impact player for the Falcons since entering the starting lineup as a rookie. He had six double-digit tackle games in 2009, including an impressive 19-tackle effort in a loss at New England.

14 NICK BARNETT
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Barnett filled up the stat sheet in his first season in Dom Capers' defense, notching a team-best 105 tackles, defending seven passes and registering four sacks. He's racked up at least 100 tackles in every season in which he has played 16 games.

15 BRIAN URLACHER
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** |X/D|

■ At age 32, and having missed the final 15 games of the '09 season with a dislocated right wrist, it's hard to know what to expect from Urlacher this season. In his prime, he boasted rare athleticism for the position, but have injuries caught up with him? Other older elite linebackers thrived into their 30s (think Ray Lewis and London Fletcher); perhaps Urlacher can do the same.

BEST OF THE REST

16 **BARRETT RUUD** TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS **3.45**
17 **D'QWELL JACKSON** CLEVELAND BROWNS **3.45** |X|
18 **D.J. WILLIAMS** DENVER BRONCOS **3.40**
19 **E.J. HENDERSON** MINNESOTA VIKINGS **3.40** |X|
20 **JAMES LAURINAITIS** ST. LOUIS RAMS **3.40** |U|
21 **BRADIE JAMES** DALLAS COWBOYS **3.40**
22 **KEITH BROOKING** DALLAS COWBOYS **3.35** |D|
23 **PAUL POSLUSZNY** BUFFALO BILLS **3.30**
24 **LAWRENCE TIMMONS** PITTSBURGH STEELERS **3.20** |U|
25 **STEPHEN TULLOCH** TENNESSEE TITANS **3.20**

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

JASPER BRINKLEY
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

DANNELL ELLERBE
BALTIMORE RAVENS

DAVID HAWTHORNE
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

1 DeMARCUS WARE
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **4.70**

■ Ware is the NFL's most feared pass rusher and has moves upon moves. Has a very quick first step and is capable of sprinting around a left tackle and catching a quarterback from behind (see strip-sack of Eagles QB Donovan McNabb in the '09 wild-card round). Plays with good leverage and power. When all else fails, his sheer tenacity is an asset, too. Exceptionally productive — has double-digit sacks in 4-of-5 NFL seasons — and very disruptive, as evidenced by 23 career forced fumbles.

2 JAMES HARRISON
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ Harrison (6-0, 242) plays with very good leverage and is adept at

getting low on bigger tackles and driving them backward. Has a good first step and can close quickly on the quarterback. Like DeMarcus Ware, his knack for getting the sack and forcing a fumble makes him a cut above. Turned 32 in May but only has three seasons as a full-time defensive starter to his credit, so he figures to be able to continue to play at a high level in 2010.

3 LaMARR WOODLEY
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ **4.10**

■ The 6-2, 265-pound Woodley's size, strength and power make him a tough matchup. He's capable of getting sacks in bunches, and after a slow start to the '09 season, he finished the year on a tear, notching at least one sack in seven of his final eight games. Also, he holds the point of attack very well, showing the ability to string plays out, disengage and make the tackle.

4 LANCE BRIGGS
CHICAGO BEARS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ The tough, strong, productive Briggs is one of the NFL's steadier defenders. Boasts very good instincts, sheds blockers well and plays with power. Notched a career-high 2½ sacks last season and can be an effective blitzer.

5 ELVIS DUMERVIL
DENVER BRONCOS

GRADE ➤ **3.90**

■ Dumervil led the NFL with 17 sacks in 2009, notching 1½ sacks or more in an impressive 7-of-16 starts. Undersized (5-11, 248) but very fast, Dumervil is an ace pass rusher in a passing league. However, while he can have a big impact in some games, he has scant impact in others.

6 BRIAN CUSHING
HOUSTON TEXANS

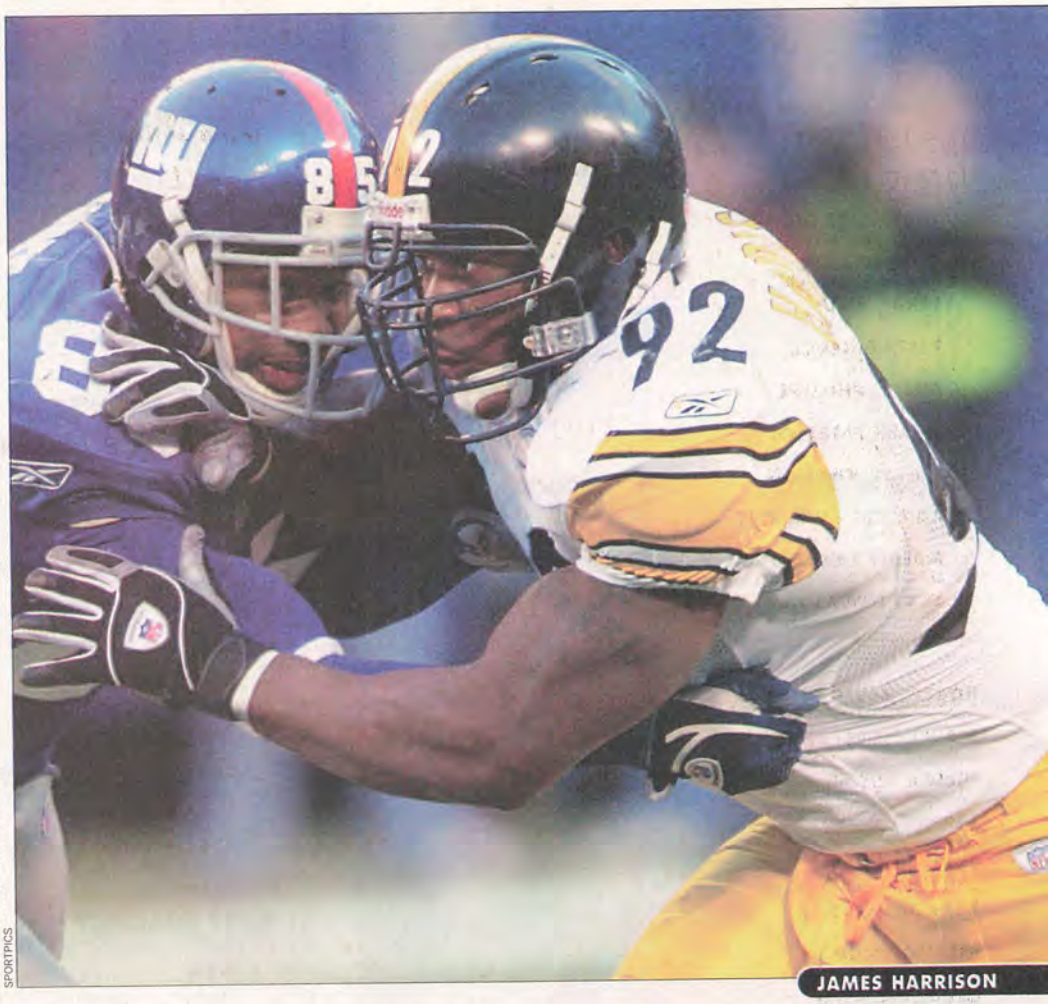
GRADE ➤ **3.85**

■ No outside linebacker made more tackles than Cushing (133), whose physical, playmaking presence helped the Texans' defense significantly improve in 2009. Already has a reputation for incredible toughness — played through nagging injuries for much of his rookie campaign. Works very hard and possesses rare drive. Stood out in seemingly every facet as a rookie, holding his own in pass coverage (four interceptions), making a key contribution as a pass rusher (four sacks) and bolstering the Texans' run defense. Simply put, he had one of the more impressive campaigns by a rookie defender in recent memory.

7 TERRELL SUGGS
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ **3.80**

■ A knee injury limited Suggs to 13 regular-season games last season, and he wasn't nearly the pass-rush threat that he had been in 2008, when he notched eight sacks in the regular season and four more in the playoffs. However, Suggs still ranks as one of the game's better all-around outside linebackers playing in a "30" front. He uses leverage well and has good upper- and lower-body strength, and he is quick off the edge. Also, he's better in pass coverage than he was earlier in his career. A blue-chip talent who didn't produce at that level last season but is capable of a big 2010 campaign.



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JAMES HARRISON

8 BRIAN ORAKPO
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** | U |

■ Exceptionally strong, Orakpo impressed as a pass rusher in his rookie season, racking up 11 sacks and earning a starting spot in the Pro Bowl. Orakpo also possesses good quickness; when he stays low and gets the jump on his opponent, he's tough to block. He should only get better in the seasons to come, and he should fit well in the Redskins' new 3-4 scheme.

9 CLAY MATTHEWS
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** | U |

■ Matthews rapidly improved as his rookie season progressed, and he was voted to the Pro Bowl. Athletic and tenacious, Matthews drew raves as a pass rusher, and Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers repeatedly put him in positions to succeed, according to one opposing coach who watched him closely. He's adept at dropping into coverage (seven passes defended in '09), too. He has upside to develop further and the necessary drive to make such improvement.

10 CHAD GREENWAY
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** | U |

■ The fleet-footed, productive Greenway is very good in pass coverage. He works hard and has potential to be even more productive in Leslie Frazier's scheme. An ascending player.

11 ANTHONY SPENCER
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ **3.65** | U |

■ Spencer is strong and explosive and has developed nicely in the Cowboys' 3-4 scheme. He's best-known for his pass-rush ability, but he's no liability in coverage, either, and his all-around game is quite good.

12 CALVIN PACE
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ **3.50**

■ Pace is quick off the ball and closes ground quickly on the quarterback. Has consistently improved throughout his NFL career. His athleticism is his greatest asset and affords a defensive coordinator some options.

13 TAMBA HALI
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** | U |

■ Hali might be just scratching the surface of his potential. In his first season as an outside linebacker — and on a struggling team, no less — Hali racked up a career-high 62 tackles and 8½ sacks. Strong and quick, Hali could become a star in the 3-4.

14 SHAWNE MERRIMAN
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.45** | C |

■ Merriman was ultraproductive in his first three seasons (39½ sacks), but a knee injury suffered in 2008 has halted his progress. In the '09 season, his first after the injury, he notched just 36 tackles and four sacks in 14 games. Perhaps he will improve in his second full season removed from the injury, and he certainly could return to Pro Bowl form. Yet, he enters this season with something to prove — both as a pass rusher and as an all-around linebacker.

15 JOEY PORTER
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ **3.40** | D |

■ Porter is a pure pass rusher who should be a good fit in the Cardinals' 4-3 "under" scheme. He'll bring

toughness, confidence and experience to a talented, albeit inconsistent, Arizona defense.

BEST OF THE REST

16 **AARON CURRY** SEATTLE SEAHAWKS 3.40 |U|
17 **ERNIE SIMS** DETROIT LIONS 3.40 |X|
18 **THOMAS DAVIS** CAROLINA PANTHERS 3.40 |X|
19 **CLINT SESSION** INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 3.30
20 **LEROY HILL** SEATTLE SEAHAWKS 3.30
21 **KEITH BULLUCK** FREE AGENT 3.30 |X/D|
22 **SHAUN PHILLIPS** SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 3.25
23 **JULIAN PETERSON** DETROIT LIONS 3.25 |D|
24 **JARRET JOHNSON** BALTIMORE RAVENS 3.25
25 **KAMERION WIMBLEY** OAKLAND RAIDERS 3.20
26 **MANNY LAWSON** SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 3.20
27 **MIKE PETERSON** ATLANTA FALCONS 3.20

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

ROBERT AYERS DENVER BRONCOS
MARCUS BENARD CLEVELAND BROWNS
VICTOR BUTLER DALLAS COWBOYS
LARRY ENGLISH SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
BRAD JONES GREEN BAY PACKERS
DeANDRE LEVY DETROIT LIONS
REY MAUALUGA CINCINNATI BENGALS
GERALD McRATH TENNESSEE TITANS
KEITH RIVERS CINCINNATI BENGALS
CLINT SINTIM NEW YORK GIANTS
CAMERON WAKE MIAMI DOLPHINS

CORNERBACKS

1 DARRELLE REVIS
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ 4.50

■ Revis had an exceptional season in 2009, leading the NFL in passes defended (37), intercepting six passes and routinely shutting down top competition. Back-to-back stellar performances against Bengals WR Chad Ochocinco, when the boastful wideout was held to just two catches for 28 yards, epitomize the term "shutdown corner." Instinctive, strong and quick, Revis simply blankets opposing receivers.

2 NNAMDI ASOMUGHA
OAKLAND RAIDERS

GRADE ➤ 4.40

■ Asomugha is a blue-chip, shutdown cornerback. He has excellent size for the position, including long arms, and thrives in bump-and-run coverage, but he changes direction very well and has the speed to run stride for stride with swift receivers. Instinctive and hard-working, Asomugha isn't often beat, and teams simply don't look to attack him.

3 CHARLES WOODSON
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ 4.10 |D|

■ Woodson is a playmaker of the highest order, still boasting very good athleticism and sharp instincts at age 33. He has been tremendously productive for the Packers, notching 28 interceptions in four seasons, including nine a season ago en route to winning Pro Football Weekly/Professional Football Writers of America Defensive Player of the Year honors. No cornerback is better at baiting quarterbacks into throws they soon regret. He's an effective blitzer, too.

4 CHAMP BAILEY
DENVER BRONCOS

GRADE ➤ 4.00 |D|

■ Bailey remains a Pro Bowl-caliber cornerback who can shut down top competition. He still has very good speed and bounced back nicely after an injury-plagued 2008 season. Has very good hands for a corner and will make a quarterback pay for misfiring.

5 ASANTE SAMUEL
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ Few, if any, cornerbacks read the quarterback like Samuel, who intercepted nine passes a season ago. He's on the small side for the position and will give up some pass plays, too, but he's a difference maker who has produced at a high level since signing with Philadelphia two years ago.

6 TERENCE NEWMAN
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ 3.80

■ Newman is one of the NFC's more reliable cornerbacks, and the emergence of Mike Jenkins at the RCB spot should only help him in the seasons to come, for teams have to be wary of attacking the improving Jenkins, too. Newman is athletic and holds up well in man coverage.

7 LEON HALL
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ 3.80

■ Hall played at a Pro Bowl level last year, defending 30 passes, including six interceptions. He is very instinctive and reads the quarterback very well. He is quick and closes fast to the ball. Also, he's strong in run support. He has excellent study habits and has helped teammate Johnathan Joseph improve in that regard, too.

8 DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ 3.75 |U|

■ Rodgers-Cromartie has exciting potential. He has exceptional speed and can run stride for stride with the vast majority of receivers in the game. The 6-2, 192-pound Rodgers-Cromartie also has wonderful leaping ability, making him doubly tough to beat deep. Just 24, he should get better with experience.

9 MIKE JENKINS
DALLAS COWBOYS

GRADE ➤ 3.75 |U|

■ Jenkins made the Pro Bowl in his second NFL season after defending 19 passes, including five interceptions, in 2009. Jenkins has outstanding speed and closes quickly on the ball. Just 25, he has a very bright future and gives the Cowboys another shutdown-caliber cornerback to pair with Terence Newman, who is getting up in age.

10 JOHNATHAN JOSEPH
CINCINNATI BENGALS

GRADE ➤ 3.65

■ Joseph put it all together in his fourth NFL season, playing better than he ever had. He's always had very good athleticism for the position, but he improved his all-around game last season. Also, where once he struggled to catch the ball, he hauled in a career-high six interceptions in '09. He's capable of thriving in man or zone coverage and just now may be reaching his potential.

11 CORTLAND FINNEGAN
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ 3.60

■ Finnegan is smart and feisty and gives no quarter. He's the Titans' most valuable defensive back. Tennessee is very vulnerable to being attacked with the pass if he's out of the lineup, as was evidenced early last season. A notorious trash talker, he can win the physical and mental battles against his opponent.

12 ANTOINE WINFIELD
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ 3.50 |X|

■ Winfield isn't especially fast, but he's tough, smart and disruptive. He missed most of seven games because of a right foot injury last season and wasn't quite himself when he returned to the lineup. He's still a key part of the Vikings' defense, and a return to past form would give Minnesota a major lift.

13 ANTONIO CROMARTIE
NEW YORK JETS

GRADE ➤ 3.45 |C|

■ The Chargers gave up on Cromartie a little more than two years after he intercepted 10 passes and looked like the NFL's next star cornerback, so clearly, he's a player with some flaws. He's going to have to be technically sound and a willing and sure tackler to succeed with the Jets, considering teams will likely go after him, not Darrelle Revis. He's only 26, and he has tremendous athletic ability and physical traits, and a change of scenery might be just what he needs.

14 LEIGH BODDEN
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ 3.40

■ Bodden is instinctive and has very good ball skills. He's not a shutdown corner, but he has a knack for making plays. The Patriots made him a priority to retain in free agency, which is an indication of how important he is to the defense.

15 DeANGELO HALL
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ 3.40

■ Hall has exceptional gifts for the position and can shut down his opponent when he's at his best. However, consistency has been an issue throughout his career. He's capable of winning the NFL interception title or breaking a team's heart.

BEST OF THE REST

16 **COREY WEBSTER** NEW YORK GIANTS 3.40
17 **RICHARD MARSHALL** CAROLINA PANTHERS 3.40
18 **DUNTA ROBINSON** ATLANTA FALCONS 3.40
19 **AQIB TALIB** TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS 3.35
20 **BRANDON FLOWERS** KANSAS CITY CHIEFS 3.30
21 **CHRIS GAMBLE** CAROLINA PANTHERS 3.30
22 **JABARI GREER** NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 3.25
23 **QUENTIN JAMMER** SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 3.25
24 **SHAWNTAE SPENCER** SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 3.20
25 **CHARLES TILLMAN** CHICAGO BEARS 3.20

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

ZACK BOWMAN CHICAGO BEARS
DARIUS BUTLER NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
ANTOINE CASON SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
DEREK COX JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
VONTAE DAVIS MIAMI DOLPHINS
MALCOLM JENKINS NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
JACOB LACEY INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
TRACY PORTER NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
ORLANDO SCANDRICK DALLAS COWBOYS
SEAN SMITH MIAMI DOLPHINS
TERRELL THOMAS NEW YORK GIANTS
TRAMON WILLIAMS GREEN BAY PACKERS
LARDARIUS WEBB BALTIMORE RAVENS
ERIC WRIGHT CLEVELAND BROWNS

SAFETIES

1 ED REED
BALTIMORE RAVENS

GRADE ➤ 4.20 |X|

■ Reed remains the premier difference maker at his position. His instincts are legendary. No safety may read the quarterback as well, and he even vexes some of the

game's greats (see his work against Peyton Manning last season). However, his durability is something of a concern; he played with a host of nagging injuries last season and missed four regular-season games.

2 TROY POLAMALU
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

GRADE ➤ 4.10 |X|

■ Polamalu is brilliant but injury-prone: he missed 11 games with left knee problems last season and has missed at least three games because of injury in three of the past four seasons. When he was in the lineup last season, he played wonderfully, particularly in the season opener vs. Tennessee. At his best, he might be the most complete safety in the game — a sledgehammer against the run and tough to beat in coverage. He's a playmaker of the highest order, and the Steelers' secondary is not the same without him.

3 ADRIAN WILSON
ARIZONA CARDINALS

GRADE ➤ 4.00

■ Wilson is the NFC's most well-rounded safety. Built more like a linebacker than a defensive back, Wilson can deliver thunderous hits in run support and can disrupt on the blitz. What's more, he's adept at reading the quarterback and jumping short routes.

4 NICK COLLINS
GREEN BAY PACKERS

GRADE ➤ 3.75

■ Collins has excellent speed and athleticism for a safety. He's a swing-for-the-fences center fielder capable of making game-changing interceptions but also prone to giving up a big play here and there, too. That said, he's undoubtedly one of the NFL's finer safeties.

5 ANTOINE BETHEA
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

GRADE ➤ 3.75

■ The 5-11, 204-pound Bethea's greatest asset is his speed, which makes him an effective last line of defense for a Colts stop unit that does not give up many deep pass plays. He's effective in run support, too.

6 BRIAN DAWKINS
DENVER BRONCOS

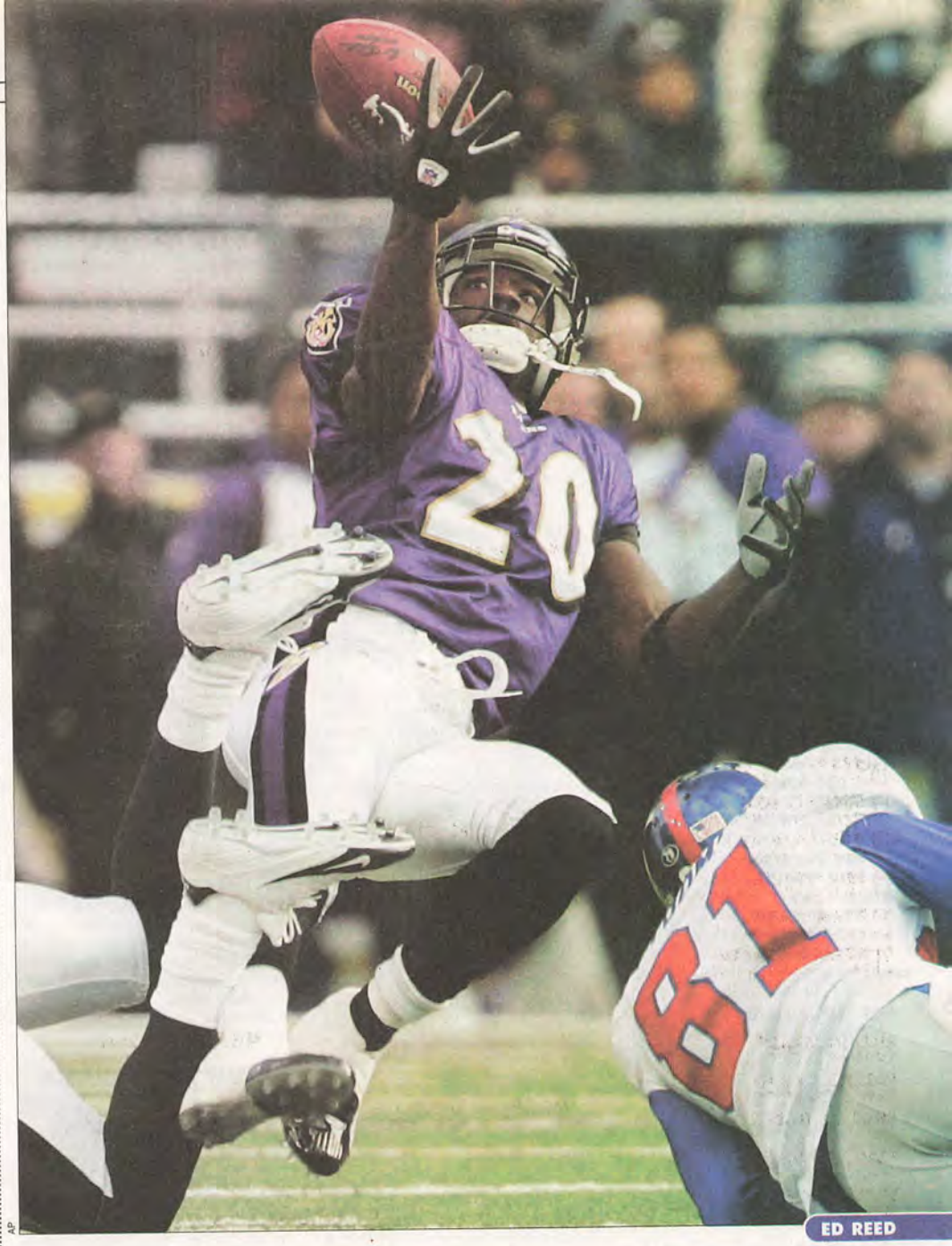
GRADE ➤ 3.75

■ At age 36, Dawkins remains one of the league's better safeties. He's an outstanding leader and a well-rounded player, stout against the run and solid in pass coverage, and he notched an impressive 116 tackles in his first season in Denver, where he quickly has become a key part of the defense.

7 O.J. ATOGWE
ST. LOUIS RAMS

GRADE ➤ 3.65

■ Atogwe's future in St. Louis is murky after the club tendered him at the lowest level in restricted free agency. He's an instinctive, playmaking free safety who has been exceptionally productive for an otherwise struggling defense for the past several seasons. Since 2006, he has intercepted 18 passes and forced 14 fumbles.



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8 BRANDON MERIWEATHER
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ 3.65

■ Meriweather significantly improved in 2009, intercepting five passes and earning Pro Bowl honors as New England's strong safety. He has above-average coverage skills for the position.

9 ANTREL ROLLE
NEW YORK GIANTS

GRADE ➤ 3.65

■ Rolle, who began his career at cornerback, has developed into an above-average free safety. Rangy and instinctive, he is expected to give the Giants' secondary — which struggled to defend the pass last season — a major boost.

10 JAIRUS BYRD
BUFFALO BILLS

GRADE ➤ 3.50 |U|

■ Byrd had an impressive rookie season, intercepting nine passes in just 14 games (11 starts). The question is: Can he build off such an impressive effort?

11 BERNARD POLLARD
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ 3.50

■ Pollard jump-started his career with the Texans. He was stout against the run and a much better pass defender than the club had expected. He quickly picked up the Texans' defense after signing with Houston in September and proved a strong communicator in the secondary. He's an example of how a change of scenery can do wonders for a player.

12 DARREN SHARPER
FREE AGENT

GRADE ➤ 3.45 |X/D|

■ Sharper's 2009 season was perhaps his finest as a pro; he intercepted nine passes, returning three for scores, and helped set a playmaking tone for an aggressive New Orleans defense. He's coming off knee surgery and turns 35 in November, but there's no reason he can't be an effective center fielder for at least one more season. His instincts and knowledge of the game help him compensate for a loss of speed and quickness.

13 LOUIS DELMAS
DETROIT LIONS

GRADE ➤ 3.40 |U|

■ Delmas flashed Pro Bowl potential as a rookie and should be a major contributor for the Lions for

years to come. Showing a playmaking flair as a rookie, he's a difference maker and a player on the rise.

14 LaRON LANDRY
WASHINGTON REDSKINS

GRADE ➤ **3.45**

■ Landry is fast, physical and intimidating. However, he is inconsistent, and he hasn't developed into the type of performer the Redskins had hoped he would. On talent alone, he merits a spot on this list, but he needs to take a step forward this season.

15 YEREMIAH BELL
MIAMI DOLPHINS

GRADE ➤ **3.40**

■ A solid run defender, Bell also showed some playmaking ability as a pass defender last season, intercepting a career-high three passes. A late bloomer, Bell has notched more than 100 tackles in back-to-back seasons and earned Pro Bowl honors in 2009 for the first time in his career.

BEST OF THE REST

16 **KERRY RHODES**, ARIZONA CARDINALS — 3.40 |C|
17 **MICHAEL GRIFFIN**, TENNESSEE TITANS — 3.30 |U|
18 **QUINTIN MIKELL**, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — 3.30
19 **ERIC WEDDLE**, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — 3.30
20 **RYAN CLARK**, PITTSBURGH STEELERS — 3.25
21 **ROMAN HARPER**, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — 3.25

TOP VETERAN PROSPECTS

MELVIN BULLITT, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
PATRICK CHUNG, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
CHARLES GODFREY, CAROLINA PANTHERS
TANARD JACKSON, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
TYRELL JOHNSON, MINNESOTA VIKINGS

NOT RATED DUE TO INJURY

KENNY PHILLIPS, NEW YORK GIANTS
BOB SANDERS, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

RETURN SPECIALISTS

1 JOSH CRIBBS
CLEVELAND BROWNS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ The league's premier special-teams player and the Browns' tone setter. No one is better returning kickoffs, and he's dangerous on punt returns, too. Moreover, he'll cover kicks, too. Has exceptional vision and patience. More quick than fast, but if he gets past the kicker, good luck catching him. Lower-body strength is a major asset. Remarkably consistent, he has returned at least one kickoff for a touchdown in all five seasons.

2 DeSEAN JACKSON
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

GRADE ➤ **3.75** |UU|

■ Rare speed sets the NFC's best punt returner apart. Possesses good vision. Can make the first tackler miss with his quickness and agility and is rarely going to be caught from behind if he gets a step on his pursuers. He could take better care of the ball (four fumbles on punts in two seasons), and his slight build and propensity to sustain nagging injuries is a concern, but there's no denying his game-breaking ability.

3 PERCY HARVIN
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** |UU|

■ Harvin has jaw-dropping potential as a kickoff returner. Fast and strong, Harvin brought back two kickoffs for scores as a rookie, and he may have room to develop further, considering that (1) he turned 22 in May and (2) has little experience returning kicks. One of the more exciting special-teams prospects to enter the NFL in years.

4 JACOBY JONES
HOUSTON TEXANS

GRADE ➤ **3.60** |C/U|

■ There's no doubt Jones is one of the NFL's more talented returners. He is blessed with excellent speed, and few are more dangerous returning punts. However, fumbles are a concern (seven in three seasons), and he must improve his focus. Jones, who turns 26 in July, can be special if he continues to improve.

5 DARREN SPROLES
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.60**

■ Sproles' speed presents major challenges for opponents. His ability to return kickoffs and punts is a plus. That he's used carefully on offense probably has helped him have fresh legs on special teams.

PLACEKICKERS

1 ROB BIRONAS
TENNESSEE TITANS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ The strong-legged Bironas has shown he can make big kicks (see 53-yard game-winning field goal at Houston last season). Very accurate on field goals 40 yards or longer. Wasn't as strong on kickoffs in 2009 as he had been in past seasons but is capable of improving in this area.

2 STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

GRADE ➤ **3.75** |U|

■ Gostkowski has more upside than any kicker on this list. He has hit 103-of-121 field-goal attempts in four NFL seasons (85.1 percent). Also, he averaged a career-high 67.8 yards on kickoffs in 2009, a positive sign. Doesn't miss often inside 40 yards and has the leg strength to hit kicks exceeding 50 yards, though his accuracy wanes on attempts of 40-plus yards.

3 JOSH BROWN
ST. LOUIS RAMS

GRADE ➤ **3.70**

■ Brown's scoring chances have dwindled the past two seasons playing for a Rams club with an anemic offense. And yes, his accuracy last season left something to be desired, as he made just 19-of-24 attempts. Still, there's little doubt he ranks among the best in his profession. He connected on 6-of-7 attempts from 50 yards or longer last season.

4 SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI
OAKLAND RAIDERS

GRADE ➤ **3.65**

■ No placekicker in the league has a stronger leg than Janikowski, who connected on 26-of-29 field-goal attempts last season while leading the NFL in average yards per field-goal attempt (43.9) and per field goal made (42.5). The average length of his three misses was 56 yards. He can be maddening at times — his accuracy isn't always as pinpoint as it was in 2009 — but he's the most enjoyable kicker in the league to watch, and no one's more capable of breaking the NFL record for longest field goal (63 yards).

5 NATE KAEDING
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.50** |C|

■ Kaeding has thrived in the regular season, hitting 87.2 percent of his field goals in his six years in the league. However, he hasn't been nearly as reliable in the postseason, hitting just 8-of-15 career attempts (53.3 percent), including missing all three FG attempts in a loss to the Jets in the divisional playoffs last season. His playoff struggles are a major red flag on an otherwise strong résumé.

PUNTERS

1 SHANE LECHLER
OAKLAND RAIDERS

GRADE ➤ **4.00**

■ Lechler shattered the NFL's record for net punting average last season, averaging a ridiculous 43.9 yards on 96 punts. He also came close to breaking Sammy Baugh's gross punting average, averaging 51.1 yards. He has taken his game to another level the last three seasons, posting a net average of better than 41 yards in each campaign. Lechler has an exceptionally strong leg and has gotten better and better at his craft.

SPORTPICS
JOSH CRIBBS

2 MIKE SCIFRES
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

GRADE ➤ **3.80**

■ Scifres can blunt opposing return games. Only 151 of his 393 career punts have been returned (38.4 percent). He has a complete game — he can boom the ball when caught deep in his own territory, but his touch and placement are also strengths.

3 ANDY LEE
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ Lee has shown significant improvement the past three seasons, posting a net average of 41.0 yards in 2007 and '09. He has a strong leg and continues to get better.

4 BRIAN MOORMAN
BUFFALO BILLS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ None of Moorman's 700 career punts has been returned for a touchdown, a testament to his skill and the Bills' strong coverage units. Moorman puts up exceptional numbers for a punter kicking half of his games at Buffalo's Ralph Wilson Stadium.

5 DONNIE JONES
ST. LOUIS RAMS

GRADE ➤ **3.75**

■ Took a big step forward last season. Only 41 of his 90 punts were returned (compared to 57-of-82 in 2008). Also, opponents racked up just 260 yards on returns (6.3 yards per return) as compared to 590 yards in '08 (10.4). What's more, he set a career high for net average (41.7). Improvements made in 2009 speak well for his future.

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THE SPIN

WHO IS THE NO. 1 FANTASY

By
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■ PRO FOOTBALL WEEKLY

The fantasy quarterback crop may be deeper than ever, but there remains one passer worthy of first-round consideration in this summer's drafts: the Packers' Aaron Rodgers.

While value can be had at the position well into the middle rounds, no QB is going to give you the all-around production that Rodgers will. That's the reason he belongs at the No. 1 spot in your 2010 QB rankings, ahead of even superstars like Drew Brees and Peyton Manning.

Not only did the Green Bay signalcaller lead all QBs in fantasy points in 2009, but he was one of the top scorers in fantasy football, period. Only Titans RB Chris Johnson scored more — and all he did was break the single-season yardage record. In fact, Rodgers finished with 44 more points than the second-best passer, Brees.

Prolific aerial numbers helped Rodgers set the pace. In just his second season as a starter, he threw for 4,434 yards and 30 TDs, monstrous totals that ranked him in the top five in each category. He was also consistently productive, with multiple TD passes in 10 contests. He tossed some huge games into the mix as well, racking up at least 300 yards on five occasions. And he excelled at the long bomb, completing 17 passes of 40-plus yards.

What separates Rodgers from the pack, however, is his ability to compile stats on the ground. His 316 rushing yards last season were second only to Jacksonville's David Garrard among QBs, and he chipped in five scores with his feet. While most of the elite QBs are restricted to making plays with their arms, this 26-year-old can create on his own in the running game.

Coming off back-to-back solid campaigns, Rodgers is no fluke, and he's not about to decline suddenly. An extremely accurate passer — he threw just seven picks in 541 attempts last season, leading the league with a 1.3 INT percentage — he's part of a wide-open, pass-happy system and has receivers who can do damage after the catch in Greg Jennings and Donald Driver. Rapidly emerging TE Jermichael Finley gives him another dynamic target.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with drafting a perennial stud like Brees, but don't think he's going to outproduce his fellow Pro Bowler this season. The Super Bowl MVP may have all the tools to lead the NFL in passing, but his inability to be a factor on the ground puts him a notch below his Green Bay counterpart.

Still don't have enough reasons to rank Rodgers No. 1? Here's the topper: He was sacked more than any QB in the league last year, yet still posted marvelous stats. With Green Bay's O-line play expected to improve in 2010, he'll be able to make better reads and get more throws away, meaning the best could be yet to come.

PFW fantasy writer Michael Blunda answers your questions in his Fantasy Doctor column throughout the preseason and regular season at ProFootballWeekly.com.

DOCTORS

QB FOR THE 2010 SEASON?

LES BENTLEY PHOTOS

By
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I can't promise you that Drew Brees has a higher upside than Aaron Rodgers, but I know the safer floor sits with Brees. And when you're making those early fantasy picks, floor rules the day.

There's no denying the monster stats Brees has posted over the last few seasons. He's been a top-five fantasy quarterback in any scoring system in the last four years (averaging an obscene 4,575 passing yards and 30.5 touchdowns), and he ranked second and first, respectively, in most leagues over the last two seasons. He's got a good thing going with Sean Payton (perhaps the most innovative offensive coach in the game today), and the skill players almost don't matter in New Orleans — a surprise receiver seems to emerge there every season (Marques Colston, Lance Moore, Robert Meachem). Put Emeril Lagasse into the Saints' offense and bam, you might see 6-7 touchdowns. Payton is that creative, and Brees just throws to whomever is open.

Selecting Brees early in your draft buys you an extra roster spot — you probably won't need a backup quarterback. Brees hasn't missed a game of consequence in five years (Week 17 last year doesn't count) and that's directly attributable to his pocket smarts and the style of offense he's in. Brees makes his read, then zip, throw's made, ball's out, pass rush never has a chance. The Saints have allowed the least amount of sacks in the league over the last three seasons; contrast that to the 50 sacks Rodgers absorbed in 2009.

Brees won't give you much as a runner and a scrambler, but perhaps that's a good thing — less chance for him to get hurt in that manner. And be careful with the nifty rushing production Rodgers put up in '09 (316 yards, five TDs); that part of his game might evaporate as he becomes more experienced.

Mother Nature can't stop Brees, either — the Saints are set to play 11 games indoors in 2010, and some of their outdoor games look pretty safe weather-wise (Tampa Bay, Carolina, San Francisco). Conversely, the Packers have 13 outdoor games on the schedule, and they're not getting a break with the road matchups (trips to Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, New England and New York).

There is plenty of time to think upside in the middle and late stages of your draft, but don't try to be a hero with the early choices — follow the consistency and play it safe. If I'm going to take any premium quarterback in the early part of my 2010 drafts, it's going to be Drew Brees.

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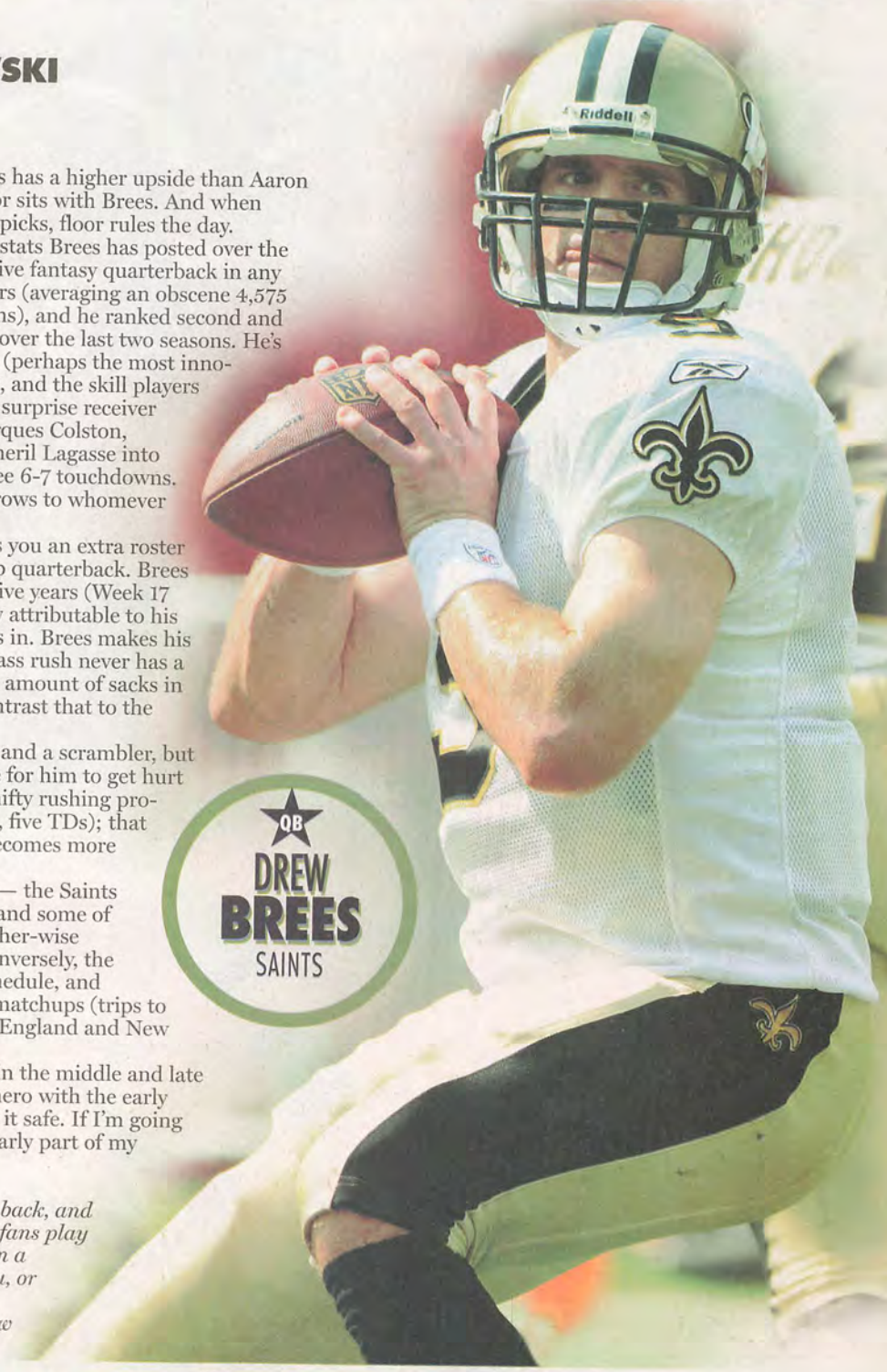

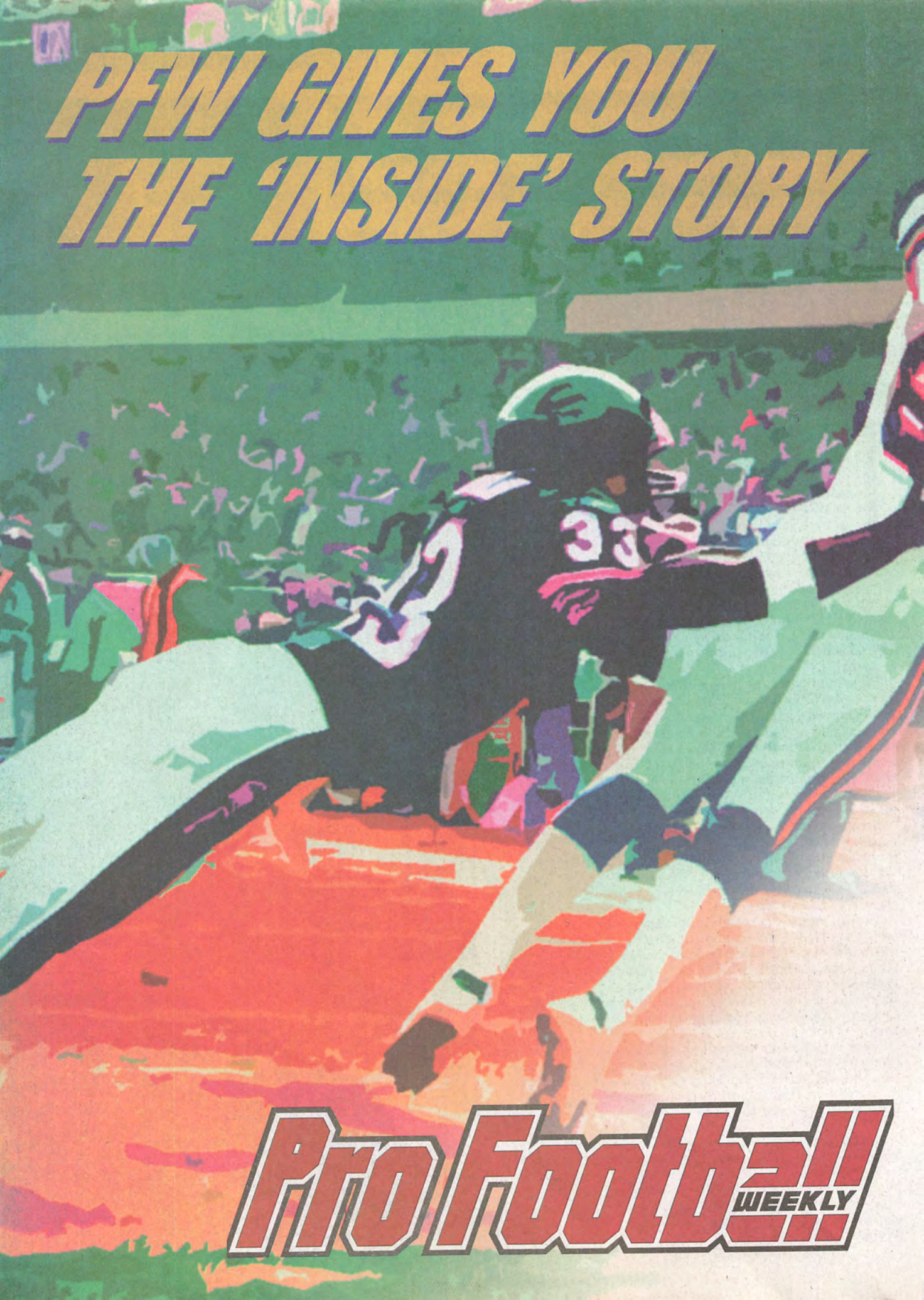
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RK.	PLAYER / TEAM	BYE
1.	Aaron Rodgers / Packers	10
2.	Drew Brees / Saints	10
3.	Peyton Manning / Colts	7
4.	Matt Schaub / Texans	7
5.	Philip Rivers / Chargers	10
6.	Tony Romo / Cowboys	4
7.	Tom Brady / Patriots	5
8.	Brett Favre / Vikings	4
9.	Eli Manning / Giants	8
10.	Joe Flacco / Ravens	8
11.	Jay Cutler / Bears	8
12.	Kevin Kolb / Eagles	8
13.	Donovan McNabb / Redskins	9
14.	Matt Ryan / Falcons	8
15.	Carson Palmer / Bengals	6
16.	Ben Roethlisberger / Steelers	5
17.	Chad Henne / Dolphins	5
18.	Matthew Stafford / Lions	7
19.	Matt Cassel / Chiefs	4
20.	David Garrard / Jaguars	9
21.	Vince Young / Titans	9
22.	Matt Leinart / Cardinals	6
23.	Alex Smith / 49ers	9
24.	Mark Sanchez / Jets	7
25.	Matt Hasselbeck / Seahawks	5
26.	Kyle Orton / Broncos	9
27.	Josh Freeman / Buccaneers	4
28.	Jake Delhomme / Browns	8
29.	Jason Campbell / Raiders	10
30.	Matt Moore / Panthers	6
31.	Trent Edwards / Bills	6
32.	Sam Bradford / Rams	9
33.	Michael Vick / Eagles	8
34.	Jimmy Clausen / Panthers	6
35.	Dennis Dixon / Steelers	5
36.	Derek Anderson / Cardinals	6
37.	A.J. Feeley / Rams	9
38.	Charlie Whitehurst / Seahawks	5
39.	David Carr / 49ers	9
40.	Tarvaris Jackson / Vikings	4
41.	Brady Quinn / Broncos	9
42.	Ryan Fitzpatrick / Bills	6
43.	Seneca Wallace / Browns	8
44.	Bruce Gradkowski / Raiders	10
45.	Billy Volek / Chargers	10
46.	Dan Orlovsky / Texans	7
47.	Byron Leftwich / Steelers	5
48.	Shaun Hill / Lions	7
49.	Josh Johnson / Buccaneers	4
50.	Kerry Collins / Titans	9

RUNNING BACKS

RK.	PLAYER / TEAM	BYE
1.	Chris Johnson / Titans	9
2.	Adrian Peterson / Vikings	4
3.	Maurice Jones-Drew / Jaguars	9
4.	Ray Rice / Ravens	8
5.	Michael Turner / Falcons	8
6.	Steven Jackson / Rams	9
7.	Frank Gore / 49ers	9
8.	Cedric Benson / Bengals	6
9.	Rashard Mendenhall / Steelers	5
10.	DeAngelo Williams / Panthers	6
11.	Ryan Mathews / Chargers	10
12.	Ronnie Brown / Dolphins	5
13.	Ryan Grant / Packers	10
14.	Shonn Greene / Jets	7
15.	Jonathan Stewart / Panthers	6
16.	Beanie Wells / Cardinals	6
17.	Jamaal Charles / Chiefs	4
18.	Pierre Thomas / Saints	10
19.	Joseph Addai / Colts	7
20.	Knowshon Moreno / Broncos	9
21.	Jahvid Best / Lions	7
22.	LeSean McCoy / Eagles	8
23.	Felix Jones / Cowboys	4
24.	Reggie Bush / Saints	10
25.	Ricky Williams / Dolphins	5
26.	Matt Forté / Bears	8
27.	Ahmad Bradshaw / Giants	8
28.	Brandon Jacobs / Giants	8
29.	Michael Bush / Raiders	10
30.	Fred Jackson / Bills	6
31.	LenDale White / Seahawks	5
32.	C.J. Spiller / Bills	6
33.	Thomas Jones / Chiefs	4
34.	Ben Tate / Texans	7
35.	Jerome Harrison / Browns	8
36.	Cadillac Williams / Buccaneers	4
37.	Marion Barber / Cowboys	4
38.	LaDainian Tomlinson / Jets	7
39.	Willis McGahee / Ravens	8
40.	Clinton Portis / Redskins	9
41.	Larry Johnson / Redskins	9
42.	Tim Hightower / Cardinals	6
43.	Laurence Maroney / Patriots	5
44.	Darren Sproles / Chargers	10
45.	Donald Brown / Colts	7
46.	Chester Taylor / Bears	8
47.	Correll Buckhalter / Broncos	9
48.	Darren McFadden / Raiders	10
49.	Steve Slaton / Texans	7
50.	Leon Washington / Seahawks	5
51.	Mike Bell / Eagles	8
52.	Montario Hardesty / Browns	8
53.	Javon Ringer / Titans	9
54.	Mewelde Moore / Steelers	5
55.	Marshawn Lynch / Bills	6
56.	Toby Gerhart / Vikings	4
57.	Jerious Norwood / Falcons	8
58.	Rashad Jennings / Jaguars	9
59.	Brian Westbrook / free agent	
60.	Willie Parker / Redskins	9
61.	Fred Taylor / Patriots	5
62.	Kevin Smith / Lions	7
63.	Justin Forsett / Seahawks	5
64.	Derrick Ward / Buccaneers	4
65.	Arian Foster / Texans	7
66.	Tashard Choice / Cowboys	4
67.	Brandon Jackson / Packers	10
68.	Jason Snelling / Falcons	8
69.	Bernard Scott / Bengals	6
70.	Glen Coffee / 49ers	9
71.	Kevin Faulk / Patriots	5
72.	Sammy Morris / Patriots	5
73.	Joe McKnight / Jets	7
74.	Jonathan Dwyer / Steelers	5
75.	Leonard Weaver / Eagles	8
76.	Maurice Morris / Lions	7
77.	Kenneth Darby / Rams	9
78.	Danny Ware / Giants	8
79.	James Davis / Browns	8
80.	Mike Tolbert / Chargers	10

WIDE RECEIVERS

RK.	PLAYER / TEAM	BYE
1.	Andre Johnson / Texans	7
2.	Randy Moss / Patriots	5
3.	Reggie Wayne / Colts	7
4.	Larry Fitzgerald / Cardinals	6
5.	Calvin Johnson / Lions	7
6.	Miles Austin / Cowboys	4
7.	Brandon Marshall / Dolphins	5
8.	Vincent Jackson / Chargers	10
9.	Roddy White / Falcons	8
10.	Sidney Rice / Vikings	4
11.	DeSean Jackson / Eagles	8
12.	Marques Colston / Saints	10
13.	Steve Smith / Panthers	6
14.	Greg Jennings / Packers	10
15.	Chad Ochocinco / Bengals	6
16.	Hines Ward / Steelers	5
17.	Anquan Boldin / Ravens	8
18.	Steve Smith / Giants	8
19.	Dwayne Bowe / Chiefs	4
20.	Hakeem Nicks / Giants	8
21.	Percy Harvin / Vikings	4
22.	Mike Sims-Walker / Jaguars	9
23.	Donald Driver / Packers	10
24.	Jeremy Maclin / Eagles	8
25.	Michael Crabtree / 49ers	9
26.	Braylon Edwards / Jets	7
27.	Robert Meachem / Saints	10
28.	T.J. Houshmandzadeh / Seahawks	5
29.	Dez Bryant / Cowboys	4
30.	Santana Moss / Redskins	9
31.	Derrick Mason / Ravens	8
32.	Antonio Bryant / Bengals	6
33.	Devin Aromashodu / Bears	8
34.	Mike Wallace / Steelers	5
35.	Steve Breaston / Cardinals	6
36.	Lee Evans / Bills	6
37.	Pierre Garcon / Colts	7
38.	Santonio Holmes / Jets	7
39.	Nate Burleson / Lions	7
40.	Malcom Floyd / Chargers	10
41.	Kenny Britt / Titans	9
42.	Golden Tate / Seahawks	5
43.	Devin Hester / Bears	8
44.	Terrell Owens / free agent	
45.	Kevin Walter / Texans	7
46.	Devin Thomas / Redskins	9
47.	Jerricho Cotchery / Jets	7
48.	Mohamed Massaquoi / Browns	8
49.	Mario Manningham / Giants	8
50.	Arrelious Benn / Buccaneers	4
51.	Chris Chambers / Chiefs	4
52.	Anthony Gonzalez / Colts	7
53.	Bernard Berrian / Vikings	4
54.	Wes Welker / Patriots	5
55.	Jabar Gaffney / Broncos	9
56.	Davone Bess / Dolphins	5
57.	Josh Morgan / 49ers	9
58.	Donnie Avery / Rams	9
59.	Demaryius Thomas / Broncos	9
60.	Devery Henderson / Saints	10
61.	Louis Murphy / Raiders	10
62.	Torry Holt / Patriots	5
63.	Julian Edelman / Patriots	5
64.	Nate Washington / Titans	9
65.	Roy Williams / Cowboys	4
66.	Laurent Robinson / Rams	9
67.	Early Doucet / Cardinals	6
68.	Eddie Royal / Broncos	9
69.	Jason Avant / Eagles	8
70.	Austin Collie / Colts	7
71.	Brandon LaFell / Panthers	6
72.	Mike Thomas / Jaguars	9
73.	Donté Stallworth / Ravens	8
74.	Josh Cribbs / Browns	8
75.	Antwaan Randle El / Steelers	5
76.	Deion Branch / Seahawks	5
77.	Jacoby Jones / Texans	7
78.	James Jones / Packers	10
79.	Dexter McCluster / Chiefs	4
80.	Eric Decker / Broncos	9
81.	Justin Gage / Titans	9
82.	Johnny Knox / Bears	8
83.	Earl Bennett / Bears	8
84.	Michael Jenkins / Falcons	8
85.	Brian Hartline / Dolphins	5
86.	Chaz Schilens / Raiders	10
87.	James Hardy / Bills	6
88.	Legedu Naanee / Chargers	10
89.	Jordy Nelson / Packers	10
90.	Lance Moore / Saints	10
91.	Reggie Brown / Buccaneers	4
92.	Andre Caldwell / Bengals	6
93.	Sammie Stroughter / Buccaneers	4
94.	Jordan Shipley / Bengals	6
95.	Brandon Gibson / Rams	9
96.	Dwayne Jarrett / Panthers	6
97.	Malcolm Kelly / Redskins	9
98.	Ted Ginn Jr. / 49ers	9
99.	Darrius Heyward-Bey / Raiders	10
100.	Harry Douglas / Falcons	8

TIGHT ENDS

RK.	PLAYER / TEAM	BYE
1.	Dallas Clark / Colts	7
2.	Antonio Gates / Chargers	10
3.	Vernon Davis / 49ers	9
4.	Jason Witten / Cowboys	4
5.	Jermichael Finley / Packers	10
6.	Brent Celek / Eagles	8
7.	Tony Gonzalez / Falcons	8
8.	Owen Daniels / Texans	7
9.	Kellen Winslow / Buccaneers	4
10.	Visanthe Shiancoe / Vikings	4
11.	Chris Cooley / Redskins	9
12.	Heath Miller / Steelers	5
13.	Zach Miller / Raiders	10
14.	John Carlson / Seahawks	5
15.	Greg Olsen / Bears	8
16.	Jeremy Shockey / Saints	10
17.	Kevin Boss / Giants	8
18.	Dustin Keller / Jets	7
19.	Fred Davis / Redskins	9
20.	Rob Gronkowski / Patriots	5
21.	Ben Watson / Browns	8
22.	Tony Scheffler / Lions	7
23.	Jermaine Gresham / Bengals	6
24.	Todd Heap / Ravens	8
25.	Jared Cook / Titans	9
26.	Brandon Pettigrew / Lions	7
27.	Marcedes Lewis / Jaguars	9
28.	Anthony Fasano / Dolphins	5
29.	Bo Scaife / Titans	9
30.	Shawn Nelson / Bills	6
31.	Daniel Fells / Rams	9
32.	Martellus Bennett / Cowboys	4
33.	Ed Dickson / Ravens	8
34.	Dante Rosario / Panthers	6
35.	Leonard Pope / Chiefs	4
36.	Ben Patrick / Cardinals	6
37.	Alge Crumpler / Patriots	5
38.	David Thomas / Saints	10
39.	Daniel Graham / Broncos	9
40.	Tony Moeaki / Chiefs	4

PLACEKICKERS

RK.	PLAYER / TEAM	BYE
1.	Nate Kaeding / Chargers	10
2.	Stephen Gostkowski / Patriots	5
3.	David Akers / Eagles	8
4.	Ryan Longwell / Vikings	4
5.	Garrett Hartley / Saints	10
6.	Mason Crosby / Packers	10
7.	Robbie Gould / Bears	8
8.	Rob Bironas / Titans	9
9.	Jeff Reed / Steelers	5
10.	Lawrence Tynes / Giants	8
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31.	Dave Rayner / Bengals	6
32.	Connor Barth / Buccaneers	4

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RK.	TEAM	BYE
1.	New York Jets	7
2.	Pittsburgh Steelers	5
3.	Baltimore Ravens	8
4.	New Orleans Saints	10
5.	Dallas Cowboys	4
6.	Minnesota Vikings	4
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10.	San Diego Chargers	10
11.	New England Patriots	5
12.	Green Bay Packers	10
13.	Houston Texans	7
14.	Indianapolis Colts	7
15.	New York Giants	8
16.	Miami Dolphins	5
17.	Arizona Cardinals	6
18.	Tennessee Titans	9
19.	Denver Broncos	9
20.	Chicago Bears	8
21.	Washington Redskins	9
22.	Cleveland Browns	8
23.	Atlanta Falcons	8
24.	Seattle Seahawks	5
25.	Carolina Panthers	6
26.	Buffalo Bills	6
27.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4
28.	Kansas City Chiefs	4
29.	Jacksonville Jaguars	9
30.	St. Louis Rams	9
31.	Detroit Lions	7
32.	Oakland Raiders	10

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1 NEW YORK Jets

2010 PREDICTION: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

R. RYAN

HEAD COACH: Rex Ryan
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Brian Schottenheimer
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Pettine
OWNER: Woody Johnson
STADIUM: New Meadowlands Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 82,500
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.newyorkjets.com

In the offseason following their wild run to the AFC championship game, the Jets didn't disappoint, providing more drama with a series of high-profile personnel moves. GM Mike Tannenbaum found a Pro Bowl cornerback to pair with All-Pro CB Darrelle Revis by trading for the Chargers' Antonio Cromartie, which gives the team one of the best corner combinations in the league.

Arguably the team's MVP of the regular season, RB Thomas Jones, was released and the Jets' raid of San Diego continued when they signed former Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson to help fill the void created by Jones' departure. The Jets also pulled off a coup by acquiring WR Santonio Holmes for a fifth-round draft pick.

Despite some new faces, the Jets' style isn't expected to change much in 2010. New York is built to run the ball and play tough defense. Of course, a more productive contribution from the passing game would be much appreciated by head coach Rex Ryan.

Young QB Mark Sanchez missed part of offseason activities while recovering from knee surgery, but, after overcoming what was often a nightmarish regular season with an impressive showing in the playoffs, he's supposed to leave the jitters behind.

In a league moving closer to a pass-first mentality, the Jets are a throwback. But old school worked well for them in '09, and they'll take a similar approach as another battle for the AFC East with the rival Patriots begins.

SPORTPICS

MARK SANCHEZ

OFFENSE

The Jets' offense was limited in its scope for much of last season as QB Mark Sanchez struggled through what can only be described as a rocky rookie season. At one point the team implemented a color-coded system to tell Sanchez when to be aggressive and when to pull back. While the Jets are expected to rely heavily on a three-pronged rushing attack, coordinator Brian Schottenheimer will be letting Sanchez loose from some of those restraints in 2010 and will seek to establish a more balanced offense. If Sanchez struggles again, though, the Jets have shown they can win with him playing a limited role.

QUARTERBACKS

It was a trying first season for Mark Sanchez, but he finished it well late in the regular season and in the high-pressure postseason. Sanchez has good foot quickness and will create on the move, although he needs to learn how to protect himself better when finishing off runs. The Jets took steps last season to teach him how to slide in order to avoid big hits. His arm strength didn't "wow" observers. Sanchez made many poor decisions during the regular season, and he'll have to show he can take care of the ball throughout the course of

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

CB Antonio Cromartie, PK Nick Folk, WR Santonio Holmes, S Brodney Pool, OLB Jason Taylor, RB LaDainian Tomlinson.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OG Alan Faneca, RB Thomas Jones, S Kerry Rhodes, CB Lito Sheppard, CB Donald Strickland, RB Leon Washington.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Shonn Greene

DEFENSIVE MVP
CB Darrelle Revis

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
TE Dustin Keller

POSITION BATTLE
PK: Nick Folk vs. Clint Stitser

S. GREENE

D. REVIS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	B	B	B+	C+	A	A-	C-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 13	Baltimore	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	New England	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Miami	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Minnesota	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Denver	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	BYE	
Oct. 31	Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Houston	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	Cincinnati	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 6	at New England	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Miami	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Pittsburgh	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to New York Jets

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Houston	(+4.5)	24-7
Sept. 20	New England	(+3)	16-9
Sept. 27	Tennessee	(-1.5)	24-17
Oct. 4	At New Orleans	(+7.5)	10-24
Oct. 12	At Miami	(-3)	27-31
Oct. 18	Buffalo	(-9.5)	13-16*
Oct. 25	At Oakland	(-6)	38-0
Nov. 1	Miami	(-3.5)	25-30
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 15	Jacksonville	(-6.5)	22-24
Nov. 22	At New England	(+11)	14-31
Nov. 29	Carolina	(-3)	17-6
Dec. 3	At Buffalo	(-3.5)	19-13
Dec. 13	At Tampa Bay	(-3.5)	26-3
Dec. 20	Atlanta	(-5.5)	7-10
Dec. 27	At Indianapolis	(+3.5)	29-15
Jan. 3	Cincinnati	(-10)	37-0
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 9	At Cincinnati	(+2.5)	24-14
Jan. 17	At San Diego	(+9)	17-14
Jan. 24	At Indianapolis	(+8.5)	17-30

* Overtime

an entire season before anyone can call him a reliable quarterback. He underwent knee surgery in the offseason, but the Jets have said he will be ready to participate well before training camp. Sanchez's primary backup is Kellen Clemens, who has starting experience. Clemens doesn't have the arm to connect on deep passes with consistency, and he often looks unsure in the pocket. He did not play well when given an opportunity last season. The Jets are developing two other young backup prospects in Erik Ainge and Kevin O'Connell.

RUNNING BACKS

The Jets may have parted with Thomas Jones anyway, but Shonn Greene showed he was ready to take the reins from Jones with his performance in last season's playoffs, when he ran for 263 yards and two touchdowns in the team's two wins. Greene isn't going to be confused with an elite speedster, but he's built to withstand a pummeling and has the power to break tackles. He drives through defenders and keeps his feet churning on contact. Greene's not the most elusive runner and didn't catch a single pass in '09, but his fellow backs, LaDainian Tomlinson and rookie Joe McKnight, should be more involved as receivers. It's not yet clear just how much of the workload Tomlinson is capable of carrying or how effective he can be at this late stage of his career, but the Jets seem to think there's something left in the tank. Tomlinson isn't the playmaker he used to be, but he'll be mixed into the rotation. McKnight, a fourth-round pick, was hindered by concerns about his knees and makeup during the draft process. He lacks bulk, but has good speed and burst. He'll fill the jack-of-all-trades role that Leon Washington performed before he was traded to Seattle. McKnight can run, catch passes and return kickoffs and punts. FB Tony Richardson is a smart, veteran leader who still gets it done on the field. He's a sound lead blocker. The Jets plucked Richardson's heir apparent in the fifth round with the selection of John Conner, a compact, powerful overachiever from Kentucky.

RECEIVERS

WR Braylon Edwards is entering his first full season with the Jets after being acquired from the Browns at the trade deadline last year. This is an important season for him, as he'll be a free agent in 2011 and still has yet to prove that he's a true No. 1 receiver. Edwards has elite talent, but dropped passes and off-field issues have plagued him throughout his career. Edwards has a good combination of size, speed and leaping ability. He has yet to show the discipline and focus necessary to join the league's elite pass catchers, though. Speed and elusiveness are not strengths for Jerricho Cotchery, but he makes the most of the ability he does have. He knows how to set up defensive backs and has reliable hands. Santonio Holmes has field-stretching speed and is dangerous after the catch, but he's not quite a Pro Bowl-caliber performer, and he encountered off-the-field trouble in his four-year career in Pittsburgh. Brad Smith and David Clowney are key backups that will see time in certain packages. Smith has never developed into the target the Jets hoped he would become, but he takes snaps under center in the "pistol" formation on occasion and has the speed to break a long run if he finds a crease. Clowney has the speed to gain separation and is a deep threat, although he hasn't produced at a consistent level yet. TE Dustin Keller is looking for that breakout season as he enters his third year. He's a rare talent who hasn't consistently played to his potential. TE Ben Hartsock functions almost exclusively as a blocker.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The offensive line — one of the team's major strengths in 2009 — is younger this year thanks to some personnel changes. There are a couple elite starters, but the Jets lack quality depth at the position. Nick Mangold's ascent to the top of the center ranks has been quick and impressive. Mangold is dominant at the point of attack and gets to the second level to help clear out linebackers. He's arguably the best run-blocking center in the league. The Jets believe nine-time Pro Bowler Alan Faneca's skills have diminished enough that they decided to cut him in April after drafting Vladimir Ducasse, a mauler with a wide frame, in the second round. Ducasse could replace Faneca as the starting left guard, but he has the skill set to play right tackle, too. He has some work to do when it comes to mastering technique. Assistant head coach/offensive line Bill Callahan is a proven developer of talent and will spend plenty of time teaching the new student. Speed and counter moves have given Ducasse trouble in the past. Brandon Moore, another player known more for clearing holes for backs than keeping rushers at bay, starts at right guard. He has never played at Mangold's elite level, but he does his job well. OLT D'Brickashaw Ferguson showed improvement as a run blocker in 2009 and was added to the Pro Bowl roster as an injury replacement for Miami's Jake Long. He maintains good balance as a pass protector. Ferguson is athletic, long-armed and durable. Damien Woody is the Jets' reliable right tackle. He doesn't have great quickness anymore, but he manages to stay in front of rushers and doesn't allow much leakage from his side.

DEFENSE

Mike Pettine serves as coordinator, but this is Rex Ryan's

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@HOU.**	**N.E.**	**TEN.**	**@N.O.**	**@MIA.**	**BUFF.**	**@OAK.**	**MIA.**	**JAX.**	**@N.E.**	**CAR.**	**@BUFF.**	**@T.B.**	**ATL.**	**@IND.**	**CIN.**	
Score	24-7	16-9	24-17	10-24	27-31	13-16	38-0	25-30	22-24	14-31	17-6	19-13	26-3	7-10	29-15	37-0	
Total net yards	462	254	229	244	309	414	447	378	322	226	283	331	310	314	293	320	5136
Rushing yards	190	117	83	132	138	318	316	127	110	104	139	249	175	99	202	257	2756
Passing yards	272	137	146	112	171	96	131	251	212	122	144	82	135	215	91	63	2380
Rushing plays	42	31	31	27	30	40	54	40	29	26	39	43	41	33	44	57	607
Sacks allowed	0	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	0	2	3	5	1	2	2	0	30
Had intercepted	1	0	1	3	0	6	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	21
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	9
Yards penalized	80	55	25	21	56	96	8	40	26	28	24	18	63	65	52	20	677
Punts	4	5	9	6	4	5	3	7	2	5	5	7	5	5	5	3	80

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	21:14	30:50	27:22	32:39	33:35	32:25	24:03	25:54	31:07	39:54	26:42	24:50	25:54	29:36	26:54	18:46	28:14
Total net yards	183	299	286	343	413	296	263	104	347	410	179	194	124	238	286	72	4037
Rushing yards	38	83	127	153	151	142	119	52	139	111	75	123	43	86	64	72	1578
Passing yards	145	216	159	190	262	154	144	52	208	299	104	71	81	152	222	0	2459
Rushing plays	13	20	30	32	36	42	19	23	32	35	25	24	20	28	23	18	420
Sacks allowed	2	0	2	0	0	1	3	6	2	2	3	3	3	0	2	3	32
Had intercepted	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	1	1	17
Fumbles lost	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	14
Yards penalized	37	89	15	70	112	64	24	25	40	51	30	5	34	25	15	44	680
Punts	6	6	7	5	4	8	5	7	4	6	5	7	8	8	6	7	99

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Greene				4-23-0	2-7-0	1-0-0	19-144-2	8-18-0	7-26-0	3-(-1)-0	10-36-0	11-59-0	6-41-0	8-30-0	16-95-0	13-62-0	108-540-2
Jones	20-107-2	14-54-0	14-20-0	13-48-1	13-42-2	22-210-1	26-121-1	27-102-0	21-77-1	21-103-0	25-75-1	23-109-0	23-99-2	19-52-0	23-105-1	27-78-2	331-1402-14
Richardson	1-2-0		1-7-0			1-3-0				1-0-0		2-36-0				1-0-0	7-48-0
Sanchez	5-6-0	2-(-2)-0	4-10-1	4-24-0	2-6-0	1-6-0	2-4-1	4-6-1		1-2-0	3-27-0	1-8-0		3-7-0	2-0-0	2-2-0	36-106-3
B. Smith	1-15-0	1-7-0		2-20-0	1-12-0							1-21-0	5-16-0	1-8-0	2-16-0	4-92-1	18-207-1
L. Washington	15-60-0	14-58-0	12-46-0	4-17-0	11-45-0	15-99-0	1-6-0										72-331-0
Woodhead							3-24-0				1-1-0		4-17-0	1-2-0		6-20-0	15-64-0

PASSING **

Clemens											0-1-0	1-2-0	12-23-0				13-26-0
											0-0	14-0	111-0				125-0
Sanchez	18-31-1	14-22-0	17-30-1	14-27-3	12-24-0	10-29-5	9-16-0	20-35-0	16-30-2	8-21-4	13-17-1	7-15-0		18-32-3	12-19-0	8-16-0	196-364-20
	272-1	163-1	171-2	138-0	172-1	119-0	143-1	265-2	212-1	136-1	154-0	104-1		226-1	106-0	63-0	2444-12

RECEIVING

Clowney					4-72-0		4-79-1	3-16-0	1-7-0				1-6-0		1-11-0		14-191-1
Cotchery	6-90-0	4-87-0	8-108-1	5-71-0	1-4-0			3-70-0	6-68-1	3-84-1	1-12-0	4-68-0	1-26-0	6-49-0	4-45-0	5-39-0	57-821-3
Edwards					5-64-1	3-40-0	1-14-0	4-74-1	3-79-0	1-10-0	3-40-0	3-45-1	3-37-0	5-105-1	2-18-0	2-15-0	35-541-4
Jones		1-(-1)-0	1-2-0			2-17-0	1-3-0	1-28-0			3-11-0		1-(-2)-0				10-58-0
Keller	4-94-0	3-22-1	2-24-0	3-31-0		2-16-0	1-26-0	8-76-1	6-58-0	3-38-0	4-68-0	1-5-0	1-3-0	3-33-0	3-19-0	1-9-0	45-522-2
B. Smith			2-18-0	1-4-0	1-19-0								1-4-0	2-18-0			7-63-0
Stuckey	4-64-1	4-37-0	2-11-0	1-8-0													11-120-1
L. Washington	4-24-0	2-18-0	1-6-0	4-24-0	1-13-0	3-46-0											15-131-0
Woodhead											2-23-0		3-35-0	2-21-0	1-8-0		8-87-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

defense. Ryan brought his style and scheme with him from Baltimore and had great success almost immediately in New York. The Jets run a 3-4 base and there is top talent at every level of the defense. Ryan preaches gap control up front, and he has quality cover corners who allow him to be creative with how he uses his other pieces. The Jets are physical, hard-hitting and will bring extra pressure from blitzers often. Ryan will show offenses a variety of different alignments to try to keep them guessing.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

NT Kris Jenkins is expected to return after recovering from the torn ACL he suffered in Week Six last season. He often commands the attention of two blockers and eats up space with a massive frame. Jenkins plays what some consider the most important position in New York's defense, but it did get along just fine with Sione Pouha and Howard Green filling in at the nose for much of 2009. While he isn't as big as Jenkins, Pouha is more than just a serviceable backup. He keeps his motor running and uses his strength to give a strong initial pop and a push. Some say DE Shaun Ellis is breaking down as he enters his 11th season — he dealt with swelling in his knee and a broken hand that required surgery last season — but Ellis still is an effective player. He's the team's top rushing end. Vernon Gholston has been written off as a bust by some and head coach Rex Ryan decided to move him to defensive end. Gholston's a great athlete, but he didn't record a sack in his first two seasons. Mike DeVito can play nose or end and does well at both spots.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Kyle Wilson	CB	Boise State	29
2	Vladimir Ducasse	OT	Massachusetts	61
4	Joe McKnight	RB	USC	112
5	John Conner	FB	Kentucky	139

K. WILSON

LINEBACKERS

There is plenty of talent and experience in this group. David Harris continues to blossom into an elite inside 'backer. He's a playmaker with strong instincts and an aggressive approach. Harris, who times his blitzes well, will get hung up trying to change direction, but he can shed blockers and will chase down ballcarriers with a relentless pursuit. Playing next to Bart Scott certainly helped Harris last season. Scott is a vocal leader and his violent play sets an example. He didn't make as many attention-grabbing plays as Harris last season, but he's a sure tackler. At outside 'backer, Calvin Pace brings a strong burst off the edge and has all the tools necessary to get to the quarterback consistently. He can be exposed in pass coverage, though. Pace doesn't give up on plays run away from him. OLB Bryan Thomas has earned the reputation of being inconsistent and will lose playing time to longtime Dolphin Jason Taylor, who signed with the team in April. Taylor could play in passing situations and still is quick and athletic enough to get to the quarterback. Thomas is far better defending the run than he is at rushing the passer.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Jets have two new starters and their 2010 first-round pick to work with in the secondary this season. New York acquired CB Antonio Cromartie from the Chargers, and he should see a heavy percentage of passes thrown his way, as quarterbacks will avoid targeting CB Darrelle Revis' side of the field. Cromartie is a great athlete with good size, and he has the potential to make big plays thanks to his ball skills, but there are questions about his maturity. He comes with off-field baggage. No receiver likes to visit "Revis Island," as matchups with the All-Pro corner have been tagged. Revis consistently shuts down and frustrates the best pass catchers in the game. He hits hard in addition to covering well and is a versatile defensive weapon. While the

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**10 HOLMES**	89 Cotchery	87 Clowney
OLT	**60 FERGUSON**	78 Hunter	
OLG	**DUCASSE***	75 Turner	
C	**74 MANGOLD**	63 Parenton	
ORG	**65 MOORE**	68 Slauson	
ORT	**67 WOODY**	78 Hunter	
TE	**81 KELLER**	84 Hartsock	
WR	**17 EDWARDS**	16 Br. Smith	88 Allison
QB	**6 SANCHEZ**	11 Clemens	3 Ainge
RB	**23 GREENE**	21 Tomlinson	McKnight*
FB	**49 RICHARDSON**	Conner*	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**92 ELLIS**	50 Gholston	79 Pitoitua
NT	**77 JENKINS**	91 Pouha	
DRE	**70 DeVITO**	79 Pitoitua	
OLB	**J. TAYLOR**	99 Thomas	
ILB	**57 SCOTT**	54 Cummings	
ILB	**52 HARRIS**	58 Mauga	
OLB	**97 PACE**	56 Laury	
CB	**24 REVIS**	21 Lowery	
CB	**31 CROMARTIE**	Wilson*	
FS	**22 POOL**	33 E. Smith	
SS	**36 LEONHARD**	44 Ihedigbo	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**9 WEATHERFORD**		
PK	**2 FOLK**	Stitser	
H	**9 WEATHERFORD**		
PR	**89 COTCHERY**	Wilson*	McKnight*
KR	**16 BR. SMITH**	McKnight*	
LS	**46 PURDUM**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Sal Alosi, *strength and conditioning;* Mike Bloomgren, *offensive assistant;* Bill Callahan, *asst. head coach/offensive line;* Mark Carrier, *defensive line;* Matt Cavanaugh, *quarterbacks;* Mike Devlin, *asst. offensive line/tight ends;* Henry Ellard, *wide receivers;* Ben Kotwica, *asst. special teams;* Anthony Lynn, *running backs;* Jim O'Neil, *defensive quality control;* Mike Pettine, *defensive coordinator;* Rex Ryan, *head coach;* Brian Schottenheimer, *offensive coordinator;* Bob Sutton, *senior defensive assistant/linebackers;* Kyle Thorne, *asst. strength and conditioning;* Dennis Thurman, *defensive backs;* Jeff Weeks, *defensive assistant;* Mike Westhoff, *special teams.*

Jets already had two talented corners, they couldn't pass on CB Kyle Wilson when he fell to them with the 29th pick in the draft. Wilson, a playmaker, likely will play in the nickel package. His ball skills aren't outstanding, but he's tough, is a quick-twitch athlete and has good recovery speed. Brodney Pool and Eric Smith are in the mix to replace Kerry Rhodes at free safety. Pool and Smith both are physical, hard hitters, and those are the kind of players Rex Ryan wants. Rhodes didn't fit that mold. Pool's history of concussions is a concern. SS Jim Leonhard is a savvy, scrappy quarterback in the back end. He lacks ideal size but makes up for it with smart play and effort. Leonhard barks out signals for the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Jets took a chance on PK Nick Folk, signing him in the offseason. He was cut by the Cowboys last season after his kicks started sailing wide of the goalposts. It's believed that he suffered from a loss of confidence and a fresh start may help him rediscover the talent that led him to a Pro Bowl in 2007. Before last season, the only weakness in his game showed up on kickoffs. He'll compete with rookie Clint Stintser for the job. P Steve Weatherford has a stronger leg and can kick off. The draft weekend trade that sent Leon Washington to the Seahawks leaves the Jets looking for a dynamic return man. WRs Brad Smith, Jerricho Cotchery and David Clowney can return kicks. Rookies Joe McKnight and Kyle Wilson also could get a chance to return kicks.

SUMMARY

They were a great story last season, but that didn't stop the Jets from making significant changes in the offseason. GM Mike Tannenbaum tinkered with his running backs and secondary and took a risk by getting rid of a popular player in the locker room in Thomas Jones. The Jets are no longer the charming upstarts — expectations are much higher in Year Two of the Rex Ryan-era.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
3	Ainge, Erik	QB	6-5	221	2	Tennessee	0/0
88	Allison, Aundrae	WR	6-0	198	3	East Carolina	0/0
	Basped, Kevin	DE	6-6	240	R	Nevada	
	Buckman, Keith	OL	6-5	320	R	North Dakota State	
53	Butler, Ezra	LB	6-2	248	R	Nevada	
11	Clemens, Kellen	QB	6-2	221	5	Oregon	10/1
87	Clowney, David	WR	6-0	188	3	Virginia Tech	13/3
34	Cole, Marquice	CB	5-10	190	2	Northwestern	11/0
30	Coleman, Drew	CB	5-9	180	5	TCU	15/1
42	Condren, Brannon	FS	6-1	205	3	Troy	0/0
8	Conley, T.J.	P	6-3	220	1	Idaho	0/0
	Conner, John	FB	5-11	246	R	Kentucky	
89	Cotchery, Jerricho	WR	6-0	203	7	North Carolina State	14/12
31	Cromartie, Antonio	CB	6-2	203	5	Florida State	16/16
	Cumberland, Jeff	TE	6-5	255	R	Illinois	
54	Cummings, Kenwin	LB	6-2	250	2	Wingate (N.C.)	0/0
19	Davis, Britt	WR	6-3	205	1	Northern Illinois	0/0
43	Davis, Jason	FB	5-10	242	3	Illinois	0/0
70	DeVito, Mike	DE	6-3	305	4	Maine	15/1
	Ducasse, Vladimir	OL	6-5	330	R	Massachusetts	
17	Edwards, Braylon	WR	6-3	215	6	Michigan	16/15
92	Ellis, Shaun	DE	6-5	285	11	Tennessee	15/15
60	Ferguson, D'Brickashaw	OT	6-6	310	5	Virginia	16/16
2	Folk, Nick	PK	6-1	222	4	Arizona	14/0
71	Gay, Dan	OT	6-4	303	1	Baylor	0/0
50	Gholston, Vernon	DE	6-3	264	3	Ohio State	14/3
18	Green, S.J.	WR	6-3	220	1	South Florida	0/0
23	Greene, Shonn	RB	5-11	226	2	Iowa	14/0
52	Harris, David	LB	6-2	245	4	Michigan	16/16
84	Hartsock, Ben	TE	6-4	270	7	Ohio State	16/7
14	Henry, Marcus	WR	6-4	207	1	Kansas	0/0
10	Holmes, Santonio	WR	5-11	192	5	Ohio State	16/16
78	Hunter, Wayne	OL	6-5	320	7	Hawaii	16/1
44	Ihedigbo, James	DB	6-1	210	4	Massachusetts	15/0
	Jackson, Brian	CB	6-1	202	R	Oklahoma	
77	Jenkins, Kris	DT	6-4	360	10	Maryland	6/6
81	Keller, Dustin	TE	6-2	248	3	Purdue	16/12
	Kirkland, Phillip	WR	5-10	185	R	Bethune-Cookman	
93	Kroul, Matt	DL	6-3	280	1	Iowa	0/0
	Lamb, Jason	DE	6-5	275	R	Baylor	
56	Laury, Lance	LB	6-2	237	5	South Carolina	16/0
36	Leonhard, Jim	S	5-8	186	6	Wisconsin	16/16
26	Lowery, Dwight	CB	5-11	198	3	San Jose State	13/5
74	Mangold, Nick	C	6-4	305	5	Ohio State	16/16
58	Mauga, Joshua	LB	6-1	243	1	Nevada	0/0
	McKnight, Joe	RB	5-11	194	R	USC	
65	Moore, Brandon	OG	6-3	305	8	Illinois	16/16
82	Mulligan, Matthew	TE	6-4	270	2	Maine	5/1
7	O'Connell, Kevin	QB	6-5	225	3	San Diego State	0/0
97	Pace, Calvin	LB	6-4	265	8	Wake Forest	12/12
63	Parenton, Michael	C	6-2	287	1	Tulane	0/0
79	Pitoitua, Ropati	DE	6-8	310	2	Washington State	8/0
22	Pool, Brodney	S	6-2	210	6	Oklahoma	11/10
91	Pouha, Sione	DT	6-3	325	6	Utah	16/14
46	Purdum, Tanner	LS	6-3	270	1	Baker (Kan.)	0/0
	Reamer, Cory	OLB	6-4	218	R	Alabama	
24	Revis, Darrelle	CB	5-11	198	4	Pittsburgh	16/16
49	Richardson, Tony	FB	6-1	238	16	Auburn	16/10
6	Sanchez, Mark	QB	6-2	225	2	USC	15/15
57	Scott, Bart	LB	6-2	240	9	Southern Illinois	16/16
68	Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	315	2	Nebraska	3/0
25	Smith, Bo	DB	6-0	190	1	Weber State	0/0
16	Smith, Brad	WR	6-2	210	5	Missouri	13/2
33	Smith, Eric	S	6-1	205	5	Michigan State	16/4
61	Steinkuhler, Ty	DL	6-3	280	1	Nebraska	0/0
	Stitser, Clint	PK	6-1	200	1	Fresno State	0/0
	Tanner, Charlie	OG	6-4	305	R	Texas	
	Taylor, Jason	LB	6-6	255	14	Akron	16/15
15	Taylor, Larry	WR	5-6	177	1	Connecticut	0/0
99	Thomas, Bryan	LB	6-4	266	9	Alabama-Birmingham	16/14
21	Tomlinson, LaDainian	RB	5-10	221	10	TCU	14/14
72	Turkovich, Michael	OT	6-6	301	1	Notre Dame	0/0
75	Turner, Robert	OL	6-4	308	3	New Mexico	13/2
	Warren, Donovan	CB	6-0	187	R	Michigan	
32	Washington, Chauncey	RB	5-11	222	2	USC	2/0
9	Weatherford, Steve	P	6-3	210	7	Illinois	16/0
55	Westerman, Jamaal	LB	6-3	255	2	Rutgers	14/0
	Williams, Mick	DT	6-1	285	R	Pittsburgh	
	Wilson, Kyle	CB	5-10	194	R	Boise State	
83	Woodhead, Danny	WR	5-7	195	3	Chadron State	10/0
67	Woody, Damien	OT	6-3	330	12	Boston College	16/16
98	Wright, Rodrique	DE	6-5	300	3	Texas	0/0

2 NEW ENGLAND Patriots

2010 PREDICTION: 10-6 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

B. BELICHICK

HEAD COACH: Bill Belichick
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: None
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: None
OWNER: Robert Kraft
STADIUM: Gillette Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 68,756
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.patriots.com

The Patriots looked so unlike their typical selves last season that it became reasonable to wonder following the team's playoff blowout loss to the Ravens whether it any longer could boast doing things the "Patriots Way."

In recent seasons, the Patriots were known for a devastating passing attack and a playmaking and opportunistic defense. But QB Tom Brady wasn't as sharp as he was before suffering a season-ending knee injury in 2008, and the defense — which lost many of its long-time lynchpins prior to last season — struggled to regain its former identity.

The team sits somewhere between title contention and reloading. Brady remains in his prime and should rebound. The "D" has more talent and depth. But obstacles remain. The Jets made it to the AFC title game, looming as a legitimate foe, and the Dolphins always are lurking as a contender. Plus, on the homefront, the injury to WR Wes Welker — the Patriots' most valuable player in '09 — dampens the optimism a bit.

The theory is that an improved pass rush would have a significant impact on several aspects of the defense, including the coverage, which was suspect at times. A rejuvenated Brady could have an effect on the defense, too.

But there's no question that the Patriots have lost some mystique and no longer have an air of invincibility. To regain it, it will require another strong coaching effort from Bill Belichick and some young players developing quickly.

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OFFENSE

The four- and five-wide attack was muted at times, unable to push quality defenses consistently. The run game became more important, yet no individual stepped forward as the go-to option, leading to a committee approach. But passing the ball comes first here, and though the team will have to adjust if chain-moving WR Wes Welker's knee takes him a while to return to the lineup, there is enough talent to make this a strong group.

QUARTERBACKS

Tom Brady had a strong statistical season, but he suffered from uncharacteristic mistakes and poor decisions in crucial points of games. Part of it can be blamed for his return from knee surgery (and the infection that followed), plus broken ribs, a broken finger and who knows what other ailments. Although he took only 16 sacks, he was hit a ton. Yet Brady managed to play all 17 games and do so at a relatively high level. Brady still can sling it, and he'll have the offseason to build rapport with his other receivers in case Wes Welker returns slowly. Backup Brian Hoyer was a nice find, showing some comfort in the spread offense during mop-up duty. He's smart, hard-working and selfless — a typical Bill Belichick QB. Jeff Rowe and rookie Zac Robinson will battle for the No. 3 spot if the team opts to keep a third quarterback.

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

TE Alge Crumpler, WR Torry Holt, DT Damione Lewis, WR David Patten, DL Gerard Warren.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

TE Chris Baker, DE Jarvis Green, OLB Adalius Thomas, TE Benjamin Watson.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP QB Tom Brady

DEFENSIVE MVP LB Jerod Mayo

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER OT Sebastian Vollmer

POSITION BATTLE OLB: Open competition

T. BRADY

J. MAYO

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A-	B-	B+	B+	B+	B-	B-	B+

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at N.Y. Jets	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Miami	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	BYE	
Oct. 17	Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 31	Minnesota	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 21	Indianapolis	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Detroit	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	New York Jets	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Green Bay	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Miami	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to New England

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 14	Buffalo	(-13)	25-24
Sept. 20	At New York Jets	(-3)	9-16
Sept. 27	Atlanta	(-4.5)	26-10
Oct. 4	Baltimore	(-2)	27-21
Oct. 11	At Denver	(-3)	17-20*
Oct. 18	Tennessee	(-9.5)	59-0
Oct. 25	At Tampa Bay	(-15.5)	35-7
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 8	Miami	(-11)	27-17
Nov. 15	At Indianapolis	(+2)	34-35
Nov. 22	New York Jets	(-11)	31-14
Nov. 30	At New Orleans	(+2)	17-38
Dec. 6	At Miami	(-5.5)	21-22
Dec. 13	Carolina	(-13)	20-10
Dec. 20	At Buffalo	(-7)	17-10
Dec. 27	Jacksonville	(-9.5)	35-7
Jan. 3	At Houston	(+7.5)	27-34
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 10	Baltimore	(-3.5)	14-33

* Overtime

RUNNING BACKS

The committee approach was productive: The team collectively rushed for 1,921 yards and 19 touchdowns. But there was no star in the group and no one player who changed the way teams defended the Pats. Laurence Maroney was strong around the goal line with nine touchdowns, but he continued to frustrate by fumbling (four lost) and not hitting the hole hard. He has breakaway speed, but Maroney doesn't get into the clear and is taken down for losses too often. Fred Taylor missed most of the season with an ankle injury and is in the twilight of his career. He and Sammy Morris, who is coming off a knee injury, are good power options inside. Kevin Faulk is just a solid pro. He's the third-down back and is as happy sticking his grill into a rusher's face as he is catching a third-down conversion. He doesn't carry the ball a ton, but Faulk is still elusive and dangerous as a part-timer. Ben-Jarvus Green-Ellis will fight for a reserve spot.

RECEIVERS

Randy Moss and Wes Welker combined for 17 TDs and more than 2,600 receiving yards, but it also pointed out a problem: There was no reliable third WR option. Julian Edelman, a poor man's Welker, was admirable stepping up when Welker went down and caught two TDs in the playoff loss, but more help was needed. Torry Holt was added to the mix, and though he has lost his speed, he is a savvy route runner who could earn Tom Brady's trust. Welker should return at some point early in the season, but starting out on the PUP list is a possibility. When healthy, he's the best slot receiver in the NFL, able to read coverages and get open, making people miss in space and seldom dropping passes. Brady looks to Welker often in clutch situations when the team absolutely needs a conversion, and he typically delivers. He's tough as nails and has vowed to return healthy, but others must step up. Moss was a disappointment with what appeared to be a cavalier attitude. It resulted in a fine and a few poor performances on the field. He remains one of the most dangerous wideouts on the planet, able to destroy single coverage, but Moss' hands are inconsistent, as is his effort, and he's becoming more of a one-dimensional deep threat as the years roll by. Sam Aiken is a great blocker and special-teamer, but he showed he can beat single coverage with some long receptions. Brandon Tate is the X-factor here. He has great speed and can be used on screens and end arounds, but his knee must be healthy. David Patten is back, but the position is crowded with third-rounder Taylor Price, a speedster. Tight end is a bit of a question with Alge Crumpler mostly a blocker at this point, but rookies Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez add skill and athleticism. Gronkowski could be a complete performer if he's healthy. Hernandez is more of a detached receiving option.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The group mostly stays intact, but it will be interesting to see where Sebastian Vollmer fits in. The impressive rookie was a bright spot, filling in at both OT spots (eight games at left tackle, four at right) and looking like an anchor for years to come. He was a strong run blocker, showed he could get to the second level, especially on screens, and handled speed rushers well (witness the Colts game vs. Dwight Freeney). But does he replace Matt Light or Nick Kaczur? Light is restricted to playing left tackle and certainly has peaked; speed rushers often give him fits. Kaczur played penalty-free ball last season and recently signed an extension, but he's not special in any way. Vollmer might be the right tackle, but he will take over for Light at some point. Mark Levoir is a good spare tackle who often comes on as an extra blocker. At guard, the team is in good shape with Logan Mankins and Stephen Neal. Mankins has a nasty disposition that can both work for and against him. He's penalty-prone but is a tone-setter up front and a fine seal blocker. Neal is a mauler who contemplated retirement but returns as a key cog in the run game. C Dan Koppen works hand in hand with Tom Brady and controls the action up front, though Koppen is hardly dominant. Valuable backup Dan Connolly can fill in at guard and center. With Rich Ohrnberger and George Bussey (guards) and rookies Ted Larsen (center) and Thomas Welch (tackle), there is quality depth.

DEFENSE

Losing many veteran pieces prior to last season was a system shock, and it took some of the teeth — and leadership — out of the defense. The group was fundamentally sound, especially early, but it came up way short against top offenses. Without a prime edge rusher, the team used more four-man lines, and scheme diversity always will be a hallmark of Bill Belichick-coached teams. The defense will have new leadership with Dean Pees gone, but no coordinator replacement was named. Instead, Belichick will take more of a hand in the "D," aided by assistants Matt Patricia and Pepper Johnson.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

NT Vince Wilfork and DE Ty Warren are the anchors up front and do more than the statistics show. Wilfork returning is a huge blessing. Although he provides no pass rush to speak of and only plays about 30-40 snaps a game, Wilfork clogs up two gaps, caves in blocking schemes and opens things up for others. Warren has seen his sack and pressure numbers dip,

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**BUFF.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**ATL.**	**BALT.**	**@DEN.**	**TEN.**	**@T.B.**	**MIA.**	**@IND.**	**N.Y.J.**	**@N.O.**	**@MIA.**	**CAR.**	**@BUFF.**	**JAX.**	**@HOU.**	
Score	25-24	9-16	26-10	27-21	17-20	59-0	35-7	27-17	34-35	31-14	17-38	21-22	20-10	17-10	35-7	27-34	
Total net yards	441	299	445	319	305	619	414	432	477	410	366	448	377	224	464	317	6357
Rushing yards	73	83	168	85	96	193	107	109	113	111	122	96	185	109	197	74	1921
Passing yards	368	216	277	234	209	426	307	323	364	299	244	352	192	115	267	243	4436
Rushing plays	23	20	39	30	27	30	28	24	28	35	28	25	40	34	36	19	466
Sacks allowed	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	18
Had intercepted	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	13
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	9
Yards penalized	55	89	10	41	46	40	66	49	72	51	0	82	25	52	10	55	743
Punts	1	6	2	3	5	1	6	3	4	6	3	5	3	5	1	3	57

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	22:52	29:10	20:11	25:04	33:45	21:00	26:45	31:07	24:58	20:06	26:44	32:37	25:45	33:32	27:35	31:34	27:03
Total net yards	276	254	257	363	424	186	240	334	407	226	480	416	305	241	275	439	5123
Rushing yards	90	117	58	116	103	193	89	133	91	104	113	88	126	105	98	144	1768
Passing yards	186	137	199	247	321	-7	151	201	316	122	367	328	179	136	177	295	3355
Rushing plays	19	31	17	17	25	36	26	31	18	26	26	27	24	23	25	27	398
Sacks allowed	4	2	0	2	2	0	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	6	2	1	31
Had intercepted	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	4	0	1	0	1	2	1	18
Fumbles lost	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Yards penalized	71	55	54	85	20	55	55	35	20	28	36	10	92	124	5	35	780
Punts	4	5	5	3	5	6	9	5	7	5	3	4	7	5	4	2	79

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

T. Brady	1-9-0	1-2-0	3-0-0	5-11-1	1-(-1)-0		1-5-0	1-5-0	3-3-0	4-9-0	1-2-0		2-(-2)-0	4-(-3)-0	2-4-0		29-44-1
Faulk	3-7-0	3-8-0	5-25-0	5-22-0	4-8-0	1-5-0	2-19-0	2-15-0	12-79-0	2-4-0	3-22-0	3-15-1	10-58-1	1-7-0	6-41-0		62-335-2
Green-Ellis						7-67-0	7-6-0	1-7-0		5-10-0	2-2-0					4-22-0	26-114-0
Maroney	10-32-0	6-23-0	4-17-0	7-6-0	5-21-0	16-123-1	13-43-1	20-82-1	13-31-1	22-77-2	15-64-2	13-41-0	22-94-0	23-81-1	5-22-0		194-757-9
Morris		2-4-0	5-16-0	6-21-1	17-68-0						5-18-0	9-40-0	6-35-0	4-13-0	12-95-1	7-9-0	73-319-2
F. Taylor	9-25-1	8-46-0	21-105-1	7-25-0											11-35-0	7-33-2	63-269-4

PASSING **

T. Brady	39-53-1 378-2	23-47-1 216-0	25-42-0 277-1	21-32-0 258-1	19-33-0 215-2	29-34-0 380-6	23-32-2 308-3	25-37-1 332-1	29-42-1 375-3	28-41-0 310-1	21-36-2 237-0	19-29-2 352-2	19-32-1 192-1	11-23-1 115-1	23-26-0 267-4	17-26-1 186-0	371-565-13 4398-28
Hoyer						9-11-0 52-0					2-4-0 19-0					8-12-0 71-0	19-27-0 142-0

RECEIVING

Aiken				1-26-0		4-30-0	2-66-1	2-17-0			7-90-0	1-81-1			1-7-0	2-9-0	20-326-2
Baker	1-7-0	1-1-0	2-42-1			1-2-0	3-26-0		2-13-0			1-6-0			2-32-1	1-13-0	14-142-2
Edelman		8-98-0	3-20-0	1-12-0	3-15-0	6-43-0			2-14-1	3-26-0					1-28-0	10-103-0	37-359-1
Faulk	6-51-0	1-3-0	3-12-0	1-6-0	3-26-0	3-54-1	2-5-0	4-35-0	2-7-0	4-53-0	2-30-0	2-(-1)-0	3-17-0	1-3-0			37-301-1
Galloway		5-53-0	2-14-0														7-67-0
Maroney	2-9-0			1-17-0		3-10-0			2-15-0		3-23-0	1-8-0	2-17-0				14-99-0
Morris		1-14-0	3-46-0	5-35-0	2-39-0	1-3-0						2-25-0		1-2-0	1-3-0	3-13-0	19-180-0
Moss	12-141-0	4-24-0	10-116-0	3-50-1	1-36-0	8-129-3	5-69-0	6-147-1	9-179-2	5-34-1	3-67-0	2-66-1	1-16-0	5-70-1	4-45-3	5-75-0	83-1264-13
Watson	6-77-2	3-23-0	1-23-0	2-51-0	2-13-1		1-35-1	4-49-0	1-36-0		2-14-0		3-37-1		1-14-0	3-32-0	29-404-5
Welker	12-93-0			6-48-0	8-86-1	10-150-2	10-107-1	9-84-0	9-94-0	15-192-0	6-32-0	10-167-0	10-105-0	4-40-0	13-138-0	1-12-0	123-1348-4

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

but he also controls the action up front. He has a strong base, uses his hands well and can funnel runners back inside. If the team continues using more four-man fronts, Wilfork and Warren often will line up next to each other at tackle. Ex-Panther Damione Lewis is Jarvis Green's replacement, a five-technique in 3-4 schemes and an interior rusher in "40" fronts. He can penetrate and rush better than many of the team's D-linemen, though he primarily has played in one-gap systems. Mike Wright is a selfless, do-it-all lineman who can replace Wilfork on the nose or play end if needed. Second-year DLs Ron Brace, Myron Pryor and Darryl Richard might get more chances, but they also must improve. Especially Brace — he came advertised as a versatile run stuffer but was behind the curve and gave way to Pryor. There is major competition at the spot with veteran Gerard Warren and rookies Brandon Deaderick and Kade Weston joining the mix.

LINEBACKERS

Finding an edge rusher has been a chore since the old guard moved on. Tully Banta-Cain came back to New England and was an effective pass rusher — one of the few on the team — and surprisingly good stopping the run and in coverage. He's best as a part-timer, but he's the best the team has right now. The hope is that a young pass rusher — Shawn Crable, Rob Ninkovich, Pierre Woods, second-rounder Jermaine Cunningham, Marques Murrell and Bruce Davis all are candidates — can emerge and work into a rotation here. Adalius Thomas, who clashed with Bill Belichick and did little on the field, was cut after the draft. Crable hasn't played a snap in two seasons but is athletic and could be a sleeper. ILB Jerod Mayo regressed some after an early-season knee injury, but he has the passion, work ethic and football IQ to bounce back. He should be more of a playmaker, especially if he finds himself more at the "Mike" in a 4-3. Gary Guyton is a good football player but is miscast inside in a 3-4, having to take on bigger blockers. He'd be better-suited as a weak-side linebacker who can run, chase and hit. Watch for rookie Brandon Spikes, a Bryan Cox clone, to carve out a role. There's depth inside, and '09 third-rounder Tyrone McKenzie should be fully healed from a torn ACL.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Devin McCourty	CB	Rutgers	27
2	Rob Gronkowski	TE	Arizona	42
2	Jermaine Cunningham	OLB	Florida	53
2	Brandon Spikes	ILB	Florida	62
3	Taylor Price	WR	Ohio	90
4	Aaron Hernandez	TE	Florida	113
5	Zoltan Mesko	P	Michigan	150
6	Ted Larsen	C	North Carolina State	205
7	Thomas Welch	OT	Vanderbilt	208
7	Brandon Deaderick	DE	Alabama	247
7	Kade Weston	DT	Georgia	248
7	Zac Robinson	QB	Oklahoma State	250

D. McCOURTY

R. GRONKOWSKI

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Part of the coverage issues stemmed from the inconsistent pressure up front, but part of the blame belongs on a young secondary that lacked leadership and suffered from poor communication. Expect this mostly young group to make strides. SS Brandon Meriweather is a tricky player to evaluate. The team has praised his development and play, but one AFC scout saw "too many missed tackles and coverage lapses." But Meriweather played more freely and could develop into something special. FS James Sanders lost his job in midseason but regained it and finished strong. He's a solid tackler who knows his responsibilities and can spring up for a big hit. Patrick Chung stood out on special teams and has the look of a solid, hard-hitting sub-package defender. Brandon McGowan replaced Sanders and was valuable covering tight ends, but he lost his job after too many big plays were made in his vicinity. At corner, the team tried many combinations, of which only a few worked. Leigh Bodden, who tied for the team lead in interceptions with five and was energized in a new scheme, returned for big money. He can

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**83**	**WELKER**	11 Edelman	86 Patten
OLT	**72**	**LIGHT**	76 Vollmer	74 Welch*
OLG	**70**	**MANKINS**	63 Connolly	66 Bussey
C	**67**	**KOPPEN**	69 Wendell	62 Larsen*
ORG	**61**	**NEAL**	60 Ohrnberger	63 Connolly
ORT	**77**	**KACZUR**	76 Vollmer	64 LeVoir
TE	**82**	**CRUMPLER**	87 Gronkowski*	46 Hernandez*
WR	**84**	**HOLT**	19 Tate	18 Slater
WR	**81**	**MOSS**	88 Aiken	17 Price*
QB	**12**	**BRADY**	8 Hoyer	7 Robinson*
RB	**39**	**MARONEY**	34 Morris	21 Taylor
DEFENSE				
DLE	**94**	**T. WARREN**	G. Warren	90 Richard
NT	**75**	**WILFORK**	92 Brace	91 Pryor
DRE		**LEWIS**	99 Wright	71 Deaderick*
LOLB	**58**	**WOODS**	96 Cunningham*	
ILB	**51**	**MAYO**	53 McKenzie	52 Alexander
ILB	**59**	**GUYTON**	55 Spikes*	48 Williams
ROLB	**95**	**BANTA-CAIN**	50 Ninkovich	98 Crable
LCB	**29**	**SPRINGS**	32 McCourty*	24 Wilhite
RCB	**23**	**BODDEN**	28 Butler	22 Wheatley
SS	**31**	**MERIWEATHER**	25 Chung	
FS	**36**	**SANDERS**	30 McGowan	38 Lockett
SPECIALISTS				
P	**14**	**MESKO***	5 King*	
PK	**3**	**GOSTKOWSKI**		
H	**14**	**MESKO***	8 Hoyer	
PR	**83**	**WELKER**	33 Faulk	11 Edelman
KR	**19**	**TATE**	18 Slater	39 Maroney
LS	**47**	**INGRAM**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Bill Belichick, *head coach*; Josh Boyer, *defensive backs*; Corwin Brown, *defensive coach*; Ivan Fears, *running backs*; Pepper Johnson; *defensive line*; Harold Nash, *assistant strength and conditioning*; Bill O'Brien, *quarterbacks*; Scott O'Brien, *special teams*; Chad O'Shea, *wide receivers*; Matt Patricia, *linebackers*; Dante Scarnecchia, *assistant head coach/offensive line*; Mike Woicik, *strength/conditioning*.

handle man and zone coverage and plays with a little swagger. Darius Butler had his rough patches as a rookie and was too penalty-prone, but he has the look of a developing playmaker. First-rounder Devin McCourty can flip his hips and run with speed receivers. He could factor in right away in the nickel defense. Like Sanders, Shawn Springs came on with some decent play down the stretch. He is only a part-time defender at 35 but might stick around for another season. Jonathan Wilhite might not be better than a nickel or dime corner despite starting eight games. He has struggled to develop thus far. Terrence Wheatley, a former second-rounder, must make major strides to make the final roster. He hasn't done a thing with the team to date.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The coverage teams were a disappointment, though they improved when players such as Pat Chung, Pierre Woods and Kyle Arrington picked up the group's play. Sam Aiken and Eric Alexander also are key performers, and much is expected from rookie Devin McCourty. Another rookie, Zoltan Mesko, should win the punting job. He's a lefty with a big leg who can pin the ball in deep. PK Stephen Gostkowski had an up-and-down season. He hit 26 field goals, but his average miss — 42 yards — was a bit low and his kickoffs sometimes lacked height. The return groups are excellent with a healthy Wes Welker (punts) and Brandon Tate (kickoffs), but they are a bit shorthanded without them. Kevin Faulk, Julian Edelman and Matthew Slater can pinch hit if needed.

SUMMARY

These are not the three-time champions anymore, as only a handful of players remain from the title teams. But one of them is Tom Brady, and he gives the team a chance to be great by himself. Getting Wes Welker back healthy and finding an improved pass rusher could make a big difference, even if the AFC East competition appears to be fierce. Don't sleep on this club, but don't automatically write it in as division champs.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
85	Agnone, Robbie	TE	6-6	260	1	Delaware	0/0
88	Aiken, Sam	WR	6-2	215	8	North Carolina	14/7
52	Alexander, Eric	LB	6-2	240	6	LSU	14/0
16	Anderson, Bryan	WR	6-5	215	R	Central Michigan	
27	Arrington, Kyle	CB	5-10	196	2	Hofstra	8/0
95	Banta-Cain, Tully	LB	6-2	250	8	California	16/10
23	Bodden, Leigh	CB	6-1	193	8	Duquesne	15/14
92	Brace, Ron	DL	6-3	330	2	Boston College	9/2
12	Brady, Tom	QB	6-4	225	11	Michigan	16/16
38	Brown, Sergio	DB	6-2	205	R	Notre Dame	
66	Bussey, George	OL	6-2	306	2	Louisville	0/0
28	Butler, Darius	CB	5-10	183	2	Connecticut	14/5
25	Chung, Patrick	S	5-11	212	2	Oregon	16/1
63	Connolly, Dan	OL	6-4	313	5	SE Missouri State	14/4
98	Crable, Shawn	LB	6-5	243	3	Michigan	0/0
82	Crumpler, Alge	TE	6-2	262	10	North Carolina	16/14
96	Cunningham, Jermaine	LB	6-3	266	R	Florida	
49	Davis, Bruce	LB	6-3	252	2	UCLA	0/0
71	Deaderick, Brandon	DL	6-4	287	R	Alabama	
11	Edelman, Julian	WR	6-0	198	2	Kent State	11/7
33	Faulk, Kevin	RB	5-8	202	12	LSU	15/7
45	Fletcher, Dane	LB	6-2	244	R	Montana State	
	Gordon, Amon	DL	6-2	305	5	Stanford	0/0
3	Gostkowski, Stephen	PK	6-1	210	5	Memphis	16/0
65	Grady, Adrian	DL	6-1	290	1	Louisville	0/0
42	Green-Ellis, BenJarvus	RB	5-11	215	3	Mississippi	12/0
87	Gronkowski, Rob	TE	6-6	265	R	Arizona	
59	Guyton, Gary	LB	6-3	242	3	Georgia Tech	16/16
46	Hernandez, Aaron	TE	6-1	250	R	Florida	
84	Holt, Torry	WR	6-0	190	11	North Carolina State	15/12
8	Hoyer, Brian	QB	6-2	215	2	Michigan State	5/0
47	Ingram, Jake	LS	6-2	232	2	Hawaii	16/0
10	Jenkins, Darnell	WR	5-10	191	1	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
43	Johnson, Terrence	DB	5-9	190	R	California (Pa.)	
77	Kaczur, Nick	OT	6-4	315	6	Toledo	14/13
5	King, David	P	6-2		R	No college	
67	Koppen, Dan	C	6-2	296	8	Boston College	16/16
62	Larsen, Ted	C	6-2	304	R	North Carolina State	
64	LeVoir, Mark	OT	6-7	306	4	Notre Dame	10/0
	Lewis, Damione	DT	6-2	301	11	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
72	Light, Matt	OT	6-4	305	10	Purdue	11/11
38	Lockett, Bret	DB	6-1	211	2	UCLA	10/0
74	Love, Kyle	DL	6-1	301	R	Mississippi State	
70	Mankins, Logan	OG	6-4	310	5	Fresno State	16/16
39	Maroney, Laurence	RB	5-11	220	5	Minnesota	15/5
51	Mayo, Jerod	LB	6-1	242	3	Tennessee	13/12
32	McCourty, Devin	CB	5-10	193	R	Rutgers	
30	McGowan, Brandon	S	5-11	207	6	Maine	16/11
44	McKenzie, Tyrone	LB	6-2	243	2	South Florida	0/0
31	Meriweather, Brandon	S	5-11	200	4	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
14	Mesko, Zoltan	P	6-5	231	R	Michigan	
34	Morris, Sammy	RB	6-0	220	11	Texas Tech	12/5
81	Moss, Randy	WR	6-4	210	13	Marshall	16/16
93	Murrell, Marques	LB	6-2	250	4	Appalachian State	10/0
80	Myers, Rob	TE	6-4	240	1	Utah State	0/0
61	Neal, Stephen	OG	6-4	305	9	Cal State-Bakersfield	12/12
50	Ninkovich, Rob	LB	6-2	255	5	Purdue	15/0
60	Ohrnberger, Rich	OL	6-2	291	2	Penn State	3/0
35	Paschall, Pat	RB	5-11	206	R	North Dakota State	
86	Patten, David	WR	5-10	190	13	Western Carolina	0/0
17	Price, Taylor	WR	6-0	212	R	Ohio	
91	Pryor, Myron	DT	6-1	310	2	Kentucky	13/0
90	Richard, Darryl	DT	6-4	290	1	Georgia Tech	0/0
7	Robinson, Zac	QB-WR	6-3	218	R	Oklahoma State	
9	Rowe, Jeff	QB	6-5	221	3	Nevada	0/0
36	Sanders, James	S	5-10	210	6	Fresno State	14/5
18	Slater, Matthew	WR	6-0	198	3	UCLA	14/0
55	Spikes, Brandon	LB	6-2	249	R	Florida	
29	Springs, Shawn	CB	6-0	204	14	Ohio State	12/8
15	Stanback, Isaiah	QB-WR	6-2	208	4	Washington	6/2
19	Tate, Brandon	WR	6-0	210	2	North Carolina	2/1
21	Taylor, Fred	RB	6-1	228	13	Florida	6/1
76	Vollmer, Sebastian	OT	6-8	315	2	Houston	14/8
	Warren, Gerard	DL	6-4	330	10	Florida	16/16
94	Warren, Ty	DL	6-5	300	8	Texas A&M	13/12
74	Welch, Thomas	OT	6-7	310	R	Vanderbilt	
83	Welker, Wes	WR	5-9	185	7	Texas Tech	14/13
69	Wendell, Ryan	C	6-2	275	2	Fresno State	2/0
66	Weston, Kade	DT	6-5	315	R	Georgia	
22	Wheatley, Terrence	CB	5-9	183	3	Colorado	5/0
75	Wilfork, Vince	DL	6-2	325	7	Miami (Fla.)	13/13
24	Wilhite, Jonathan	CB	5-11	185	3	Auburn	14/8
48	Williams, Thomas	LB	6-1	237	2	USC	0/0
71	Wise, John	OL	6-5	298	R	Illinois	
58	Woods, Pierre	LB	6-5	250	5	Michigan	16/5
99	Wright, Mike	DL	6-4	295	6	Cincinnati	16/9

3 MIAMI Dolphins

2010 PREDICTION: 9-7 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 7-9 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

T. SPARANO

HEAD COACH: Tony Sparano
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Dan Henning
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Nolan
OWNER: Stephen M. Ross
STADIUM: Sun Life Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 75,540
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.miamidolphins.com

Hope was restored in Miami when Bill Parcells was hired as executive V.P. of football operations and charged with turning the team into a winner. The Dolphins improved in a hurry, going from the bottom of the league to 11-5 and in the playoffs in '08, but they were knocked off course in '09 and posted a 7-9 record. A bounce-back year is expected by many in 2010. As GM Jeff Ireland admitted this year, the pressure to win is rising.

Head coach Tony Sparano fired defensive coordinator Paul Pasqualoni this offseason and replaced him with Mike Nolan, who left Denver after one successful season. The Dolphins also made personnel changes on "D," the most expensive of which was the signing of former Cardinal Karlos Dansby, who will play inside linebacker for the Dolphins. The club is hoping the maturation of its two young cornerbacks — Sean Smith and Vontae Davis — will pay dividends and that OLB Cameron Wake will take another step in his second NFL season.

The Dolphins are not just counting on development from young defensive players, though. Chad Henne will enter his first full season as a starting quarterback, and Miami acquired a No. 1 receiver for him by dealing two second-round draft picks to the Broncos for Brandon Marshall.

In a division that some have pegged as a two-team race between the Jets and Patriots, the Dolphins are looking to break through. The heat on the decision makers could rise dramatically if they don't.

SPORTPICS
CHAD HENNE

OFFENSE

Coordinator Dan Henning tries to keep defenses off-balance by utilizing a variety of formations. The "Wildcat" has become the most notable of those sets and other teams have followed Henning's lead, implementing it into their own playbooks. RB Ronnie Brown is the essential triggerman in Miami's "Wildcat," and the team stopped using the formation after he was placed on injured reserve last season. Miami doesn't rely just on gimmicks. Henning will call for two-TE sets at times and the offensive line is powerful enough to own the line of scrimmage while Brown and Ricky Williams plow forward. The Dolphins had to dink and dunk through the air in the past, but they're hoping WR Brandon Marshall will open things up in the passing game.

QUARTERBACKS

Third-year veteran Chad Henne is expected to make strides as he heads into his first full season as the team's starter. Henne started 13 games last season, and he started strong before throwing 10 interceptions in the final six games on his way to compiling a TD-to-interception ratio of 12-14. He has a very strong arm and is well built to take hard hits, but he needs to become a better decision maker and game manager. Chad Pennington, Tyler Thigpen and Pat White

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

ILB Karlos Dansby, ILB Tim Dobbins, OG Richie Incognito, WR Brandon Marshall.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

ILB Akin Ayodele, WR Ted Ginn Jr., CB Nathan Jones, OLB Joey Porter, OLB Jason Taylor, S Gibril Wilson.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
WR Brandon Marshall

DEFENSIVE MVP
ILB Karlos Dansby

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
OLB Cameron Wake

POSITION BATTLE
FS: Chris Clemons vs. Tyrone Culver

B. MARSHALL

K. DANSBY

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	C+	C+	B	B-	C	C-	C

will compete as backups to Henne. Tyler Thigpen is considered the front-runner to become Henne's primary backup. Thigpen is mobile and able to make plays while on the move. He's not afraid to take chances, but Miami's coaching staff would be happy to see him be more careful with the ball. Pennington is coming back from the third throwing-shoulder surgery of his 11-year career, but he's a very smart field general, which helps him make up for some physical deficiencies. There were high hopes for White, a 2009 second-round pick, but he didn't make the impact that some had expected from him as a rookie. He could drop to fourth on the depth chart, but he does have value as a versatile weapon in the "Wildcat."

RUNNING BACKS

Dolphins RB Ronnie Brown is coming off his second surgery in three seasons after undergoing a procedure to repair a Lisfranc fracture in his right foot in November. He's expected to make a full recovery and is hoping to be ready to participate when training camp begins. Brown is a key cog on offense. He serves as the triggerman in the "Wildcat" formation and has the agility, speed and moves necessary to elude defenders. His durability is a concern, though. The sixth-year veteran has played a full 16-game season only once. Brown's backfield complement is Ricky Williams, who still is a powerful, punishing runner. He contributes as a rusher and a pass catcher. Williams, 33, didn't show signs of wearing down after being thrust into a starting role last season. FB Lousaka Polite is a tough, hard-charging blocking back who doesn't shy away from a train wreck. He'll also get carries in short-yardage situations on occasion.

RECEIVERS

Brandon Marshall was a distraction at times last season in Denver and has made his share of bad decisions off the field, but he's one of the most talented and productive receivers in the league. Marshall is used mostly as a possession receiver — he uses his size, strength and leaping ability to his advantage. He's physical with the ball in his hands and will fight for yards after the catch. Davone Bess led the team in receptions (76) last season. Quick and agile with the ability to create after the catch, Bess lines up in the slot and split out wide. He does not play fast. Greg Camarillo tries to make up for less than ideal speed with effort and shiftiness. He's reliable and smart. Brian Hartline showed promise in his rookie season, and he could become a starter in 2010. He's not a burner, but he has decent short-area burst and does the little things well. Patrick Turner will need to show a better understanding of key concepts to get on the field in his second season. The Dolphins don't have any real big-play potential at tight end either. Anthony Fasano, a quality blocker, and Joey Haynos are the unremarkable top two options at the position.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The offensive line was arguably the team's strongest position group in 2009, but there could be some significant depth-chart shuffling at guard. OLT Jake Long improved as a pass blocker in his second year and is making better use of his long arms to get a strong initial punch on pass rushers and keep them off his frame. He is an intense competitor. Opposite Long at tackle is Vernon Carey, who is coming off a fine season. He's tough and will play through pain. Carey is a massive force, but he's also athletic for his size and can dominate when he gains leverage. OLG Justin Smiley continued his consistently strong play last season despite being nagged by a shoulder injury for much of the year. He's effective pulling and shows impressive initial quickness, but health concerns led the Dolphins to put him on the trading block and search for a potential replacement. Nate Garner, a tall, big-framed guard who started eight games last season, could be that guy. Donald Thomas and Richie Incognito are expected to battle for the starting spot at right guard. Incognito has a fiery demeanor that he has trouble controlling, which was part of the reason why the Rams let him go. Third-round pick John Jerry also could compete for snaps at guard. Jerry is big and has had to shed weight in the past. He lacks agility, but is powerful. C Jake Grove is an excellent run blocker and the team missed him in '09 when he was out for the majority of six games with an ankle injury.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	New York Jets	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 4	New England	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	BYE	
Oct. 17	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	Chicago	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at N.Y. Jets	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at New England	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Miami

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Atlanta	(+4)	7-19
Sept. 21	Indianapolis	(+3)	23-27
Sept. 27	At San Diego	(+5)	13-23
Oct. 4	Buffalo	(-1)	38-10
Oct. 12	New York Jets	(+3)	31-27
Oct. 18	BYE		
Oct. 25	New Orleans	(+6.5)	34-46
Nov. 1	At New York Jets	(+3.5)	30-25
Nov. 8	At New England	(+11)	17-27
Nov. 15	Tampa Bay	(-10)	25-23
Nov. 19	At Carolina	(+3.5)	24-17
Nov. 29	At Buffalo	(-3.5)	14-31
Dec. 6	New England	(+5.5)	22-21
Dec. 13	At Jacksonville	(+2)	14-10
Dec. 20	At Tennessee	(+5)	24-27*
Dec. 27	Houston	(-1.5)	20-27
Jan. 3	Pittsburgh	(+3)	24-30

* Overtime

DEFENSE

After guiding a stunning defensive turnaround in his first season with the Broncos, Mike Nolan left to join Tony Sparano's staff. He inherits a defense in Miami that is in much better condition than the one he found in Denver in 2009. Nolan prefers an aggressive, blitzing 3-4 style. The secondary will likely play a good deal of man coverage. The Dolphins also hired a new linebackers coach in Bill Sheridan, who was fired as Giants D-coordinator after last season. There were significant changes in the offseason aside from the coaching staff — veterans OLB Joey Porter, ILB Akin Ayodele and S Gibril Wilson were cut, and the team splurged to sign ex-Cardinals ILB Karlos Dansby.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Nose tackle is considered by many to be the most important position in the Dolphins' 3-4 defense, and Miami heads into 2010 with Jason Ferguson, Randy Starks and Paul

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@ATL.**	**IND.**	**@S.D.**	**BUFF.**	**N.Y.J.**	**N.O.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**@N.E.**	**T.B.**	**@CAR.**	**@BUFF.**	**N.E.**	**@JAX.**	**@TEN.**	**HOU.**	**PITT.**	
Score	7-19	23-27	13-23	38-10	31-27	34-46	30-25	17-27	25-23	24-17	14-31	22-21	14-10	24-27	20-27	24-30	
Total net yards	259	403	289	336	413	334	104	334	374	326	325	416	354	468	363	303	5401
Rushing yards	96	239	149	250	151	137	52	133	199	154	157	88	146	121	60	99	2231
Passing yards	163	164	140	86	262	197	52	201	175	172	168	328	208	347	303	204	3170
Rushing plays	22	49	31	45	36	30	23	31	36	31	37	27	40	30	16	25	509
Sacks allowed	4	2	1	6	0	2	6	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	3	34
Had intercepted	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	3	1	3	19
Fumbles lost	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	10
Yards penalized	27	20	39	45	112	55	25	35	30	30	50	10	27	60	30	45	640
Punts	5	1	4	5	4	6	7	5	6	6	5	4	5	3	5	4	75
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	30:53	14:53	27:33	22:51	26:25	33:02	34:06	28:53	28:46	29:27	28:14	27:23	24:54	27:37	32:38	32:09	28:06
Total net yards	281	356	355	206	309	414	378	432	301	383	336	448	217	364	406	403	5589
Rushing yards	68	61	69	46	138	138	127	109	121	182	129	96	95	128	126	202	1835
Passing yards	213	295	286	160	171	276	251	323	180	201	207	352	122	236	280	201	3754
Rushing plays	27	11	28	17	30	27	40	24	30	27	25	25	25	31	32	36	435
Sacks allowed	2	1	2	6	1	5	2	2	4	4	6	0	3	2	1	3	44
Had intercepted	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	15
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Yards penalized	35	20	20	19	56	25	40	49	77	35	20	82	10	46	15	40	589
Punts	4	3	2	5	4	3	7	3	5	5	3	5	7	5	4	2	67

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Brown	10-43-0	24-136-2	18-75-0	20-115-2	21-74-2	16-48-1	11-27-0	15-48-0	12-82-1								147-648-8
Ginn	2-9-0			1-22-0		1-5-0			1-0-0		1-(-4)-0		1-16-0				7-48-0
Henne			1-2-0	2-14-0			3-(-5)-0			1-0-0		1-(-1)-0	4-1-1	2-11-0	1-10-0	1-0-0	16-32-1
Hilliard										4-24-0	5-22-0	5-12-0	2-3-0	3-7-0	3-12-1	1-9-0	23-89-1
Polite	2-5-0	3-7-0		2-5-0	2-4-0	3-7-0	1-3-0	3-7-0	2-14-0	4-11-0	3-22-0	1-2-0	4-18-0	3-9-0	2-3-0	2-6-0	37-123-0
White	1-0-0			1-(-1)-0	1-6-0	1-(-3)-0		6-45-0	1-1-0		1-2-0	2-0-0		2-4-0		5-27-0	21-81-0
Williams	7-39-0	19-69-0	8-55-1	16-85-1	11-68-0	9-80-3	8-27-0	7-33-1	20-102-0	22-119-2	27-115-1	18-75-0	28-108-1	19-80-1	10-35-0	12-31-0	241-1121-11

PASSING **

Henne			10-19-1 92-0	14-22-0 115-1	20-26-0 241-2	18-36-2 211-0	12-21-0 112-1	19-34-0 219-0	17-31-1 175-1	17-29-0 172-1	17-31-3 175-1	29-52-1 335-2	21-29-1 220-0	29-46-3 349-1	35-55-1 322-1	16-20-1 140-1	274-451-14 2878-12
Pennington	21-29-1 176-1	22-33-1 183-0	8-12-0 54-0														51-74-2 413-1

RECEIVING

Bess	7-57-0	3-29-0	7-54-0	3-17-0	3-18-0	3-13-0	4-18-0	6-56-0	4-72-0	6-63-0	3-34-0	10-117-1	3-22-0	4-58-0	5-45-0	5-85-1	76-758-2
Brown	3-10-0		3-40-0		3-14-0		1-2-0	2-16-0	2-16-0								14-98-0
Camarillo	2-20-0	3-11-0	2-13-0	4-42-0	3-33-0	5-55-0	1-15-0	5-71-0	2-17-0	1-4-0		4-61-0	7-110-0	5-46-0	3-32-0	3-22-0	50-552-0
Fasano	2-10-0	1-1-0		1-7-0	4-38-1	3-21-0	2-16-0	1-20-0			5-74-0	5-67-0		4-36-1	1-8-0	2-41-0	31-339-2
Ginn	2-26-0	11-108-0		1-4-0	2-57-1	2-16-0		1-7-0		4-32-0	2-18-0	2-34-0	1-12-0	2-38-0	5-82-0	3-20-0	38-454-1
B. Hartline	2-13-0	2-23-0		2-17-1	1-10-0	3-94-0		1-18-0	1-17-0	2-47-0	3-31-1	4-41-1	3-34-0	2-96-0	3-31-0	2-34-0	31-506-3
Haynos	1-21-0				1-17-0		2-20-1	3-29-1	3-17-0				2-15-0	3-20-0	3-17-0	1-6-0	19-162-2
Hilliard										2-7-0	2-15-0	1-8-0	1-7-0	4-36-0	9-74-1	1-11-1	20-158-2
Williams	2-19-1	1-3-0	4-29-0	1-11-0	3-70-0	2-12-0	2-41-0	1-3-0	2-5-0	2-19-1		2-6-0	2-7-0	3-9-0	5-26-0	3-4-0	35-264-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

Soliai expected to share snaps at the spot. Ferguson will be suspended for the first eight games of the season for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances. Ferguson, a bulky space eater, has been the most effective of the team's nose tackles, but he finished last season on injured reserve with a quadriceps injury. Soliai has been inconsistent. He has excellent size and is most effective in a rotational role. While he didn't get the nod, some observers said Starks played at a Pro Bowl level as a defensive end in '09. Starks has the versatility to play every position on the D-line and thrives in one-on-one matchups. Kendall Langford started opposite Starks. Langford relies on power and a quick twitch to seal off the edge vs. the run. Phillip Merling will slide into Starks' spot at end. He has shown toughness and is very competitive. His motor is always running during games. First-round pick Jared Odrick fits best as a five-technique in Miami's "30" front and could share snaps with Langford and Merling. He shares many of their traits. Odrick will need to work on keeping his pad level low on a consistent basis. He's tough and durable.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Jared Odrick	DE	Penn State	28
2	Koa Misi	OLB	Utah	40
3	John Jerry	OG	Mississippi	73
4	A.J. Edds	OLB	Iowa	119
5	Nolan Carroll	CB	Maryland	145
5	Reshad Jones	SS	Georgia	163
7	Chris McCoy	OLB	Middle Tennessee	212
7	Austin Spitler	ILB	Ohio State	252

J. ODRICK

LINEBACKERS

The Dolphins made a splash in free agency, signing one of the top defensive players available in Karlos Dansby, who will play inside 'backer next to Channing Crowder. Dansby will have to adjust to playing in a new scheme, which could take some time, and he'll need help from the front three, as he has had trouble shedding blockers in the past. Dansby has great range and is an athletic playmaker. Unlike Dansby, Crowder is not good in coverage. He's more comfortable closer to the line of scrimmage and defending the run. Miami acquired Tim Dobbins from San Diego as part of a draft week trade and he could take some snaps away from Crowder. OLB Cameron Wake showed flashes of becoming a stellar pass rusher last season after coming over from the Canadian Football League. He's not yet a complete player, though, which might continue to prevent him from playing all three downs. The Dolphins filled a need in the second round of the draft by selecting OLB Koa Misi. His motor is always running, but scouts say he'll need some seasoning before he's ready to be a consistent sack producer. He'll have to transition to standing up after playing with his hand on the ground at Utah. Reggie Torbor is a savvy veteran who will contribute as a backup. Charlie Anderson, a career reserve, could start at outside 'backer. He never has made more than 2½ sacks in a season. Fourth-round pick A.J. Edds will be groomed as an inside 'backer. He'll need to get stronger to avoid getting bounced around by blockers. Edds is smart and shows a willingness to work.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Miami has a young pair of cornerbacks in Sean Smith and Vontae Davis, who each gained a wealth of experience as rookies in 2009. Smith earned a starting job from Day One. His long arms help him gain leverage in press coverage and also come in handy when attempting to bat down balls. He needs to add bulk. Davis is much more athletically gifted than Smith, and he stepped into the starting lineup last season after Will Allen went down with a torn ACL. Davis has plenty of recovery speed, although he did get burned on occasion in '09, and doesn't shy away from contact. Allen will have a hard time getting his starting job back and is penciled in as the team's nickel

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	84 MARSHALL	84 Turner	
OLT	77 LONG	63 Gardner	
OLG	75 GARNER	74 Jerry*	65 Smiley
C	64 GROVE	67 Berger	
ORG	66 THOMAS	68 Incognito	
ORT	72 CAREY	76 Murtha	
TE	80 FASANO	81 Haynos	
WR	83 CAMARILLO	15 Bess	82 B. Hartline
QB	7 HENNE	16 Thigpen	10 Pennington
RB	23 BROWN	34 Williams	26 Hilliard
FB	36 POLITE		
DEFENSE			
DLE	70 LANGFORD	71 Dotson	94 Starks
NT	96 SOLIAI	94 Starks	95 Ferguson
DRE	97 MERLING	98 Odrick*	78 McDaniel
SLB	56 ANDERSON	55 Misi*	50 Walden
ILB	58 DANSBY	53 Torbor	54 Edds*
ILB	52 CROWDER	51 Dobbins	44 Spitler*
WLB	91 WAKE	93 Moses	
CB	21 V. DAVIS	25 W. Allen	28 Carroll*
CB	24 SMITH	32 J. Allen	27 Oglesby
SS	37 BELL	35 Jones*	31 Ness
FS	29 CULVER	30 Clemons	
SPECIALISTS			
P	2 FIELDS		
PK	5 CARPENTER		
H	2 FIELDS		
PR	15 BESS		
KR	38 COBBS		
LS	92 DENNEY		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

John Bonamego, *special-teams coordinator;* Todd Bowles, *asst. head coach/secondary;* Steve Bush, *offensive quality control;* David Corrao, *defensive quality control;* Dave DeGuglielmo, *offensive line;* George DeLeone, *tight ends;* Karl Dorrell, *wide receivers;* Dan Henning, *offensive coordinator;* David Lee, *quarterbacks;* Evan Marcus, *head strength & conditioning;* Mike Nolan, *defensive coordinator;* Dave Puloka, *asst. strength & conditioning;* Darren Rizzi, *asst. special teams;* Kacy Rodgers, *defensive line;* James Saxon, *running backs;* Bill Sheridan, *inside linebackers;* Tony Sparano, *head coach.*

back. He doesn't have great size and should find better matchups against smaller slot receivers. Allen does play the ball well. CB Nolan Carroll, a good-sized fifth-round pick, will battle for a roster spot. A converted receiver, Carroll is still developing and has upside if he can figure it out. SS Yeremiah Bell is an intimidator. He relishes the kill shot and doesn't miss many opportunities to clean someone's clock. Bell's hands have been a problem in the past, but he did make a career-high three picks last season. Chris Clemons and Tyrone Culver are expected to be in the mix at free safety. Clemons has rare straight-line speed, but he's not a striker. Culver is a dependable tackler with solid hands, but some have questioned his ability to cover. Miami spent a fifth-round pick on hard-hitting SS Reshad Jones.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brandon Fields is one of the league's biggest punters, and he has a lot of power to put into his kicks, but there are stronger legs in the league. Fields gets good placement on his punts and has improved with each year he's been in the league. PK Dan Carpenter has good leg strength, and he delivered two game-winning kicks last season. He also handles kickoffs. The team lost a big-play threat at returner when they traded Ted Ginn Jr., in April. RB Patrick Cobbs, who is coming off ACL surgery, could get a chance to handle kickoff returns. Davone Bess is the punt returner, but he doesn't have breakaway speed. Miami's coverage units have been mediocre over the past couple of seasons.

SUMMARY

The Dolphins rose faster than anyone expected a couple seasons ago and sputtered down the stretch in 2009. They're looking to reassert themselves this year, but enter the season as afterthoughts in an AFC East that is expected to feature a duel for a division title between the Patriots and Jets. If Miami misses the playoffs again, there will be questions about how much time the coaching staff and front office have to fix things.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
79	Alama-Francis, Ikaika	DE	6-5	290	4	Hawaii	0/0
32	Allen, Jason	CB	6-1	200	5	Tennessee	16/1
25	Allen, Will	CB	5-10	195	10	Syracuse	6/6
	Amaya, Jonathan	S	6-2	190	R	Nevada	
56	Anderson, Charlie	LB	6-4	250	7	Mississippi	16/2
90	Baker, Ryan	DE	6-5	295	2	Purdue	5/0
37	Bell, Yeremiah	S	6-0	205	7	Eastern Kentucky	16/15
67	Berger, Joe	OG	6-5	315	6	Michigan Tech	16/6
15	Bess, Davone	WR	5-10	190	3	Hawaii	16/2
23	Brown, Ronnie	RB	6-0	230	6	Auburn	9/9
83	Camarillo, Greg	WR	6-1	190	5	Stanford	16/16
72	Carey, Vernon	OT	6-5	340	7	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
5	Carpenter, Dan	PK	6-2	225	3	Montana	16/0
28	Carroll, Nolan	CB	5-11	204	R	Maryland	
30	Clemons, Chris	S	6-1	210	2	Clemson	11/2
38	Cobbs, Patrick	RB	5-8	205	5	North Texas	5/0
52	Crowder, Channing	LB	6-2	250	6	Florida	13/13
29	Culver, Tyrone	S	6-1	210	5	Fresno State	16/2
58	Dansby, Karlos	LB	6-4	250	8	Auburn	16/16
20	Davis, Tristan	RB	5-10	212	1	Auburn	0/0
21	Davis, Vontae	CB	5-11	203	2	Illinois	16/9
92	Denney, John	LS	6-5	255	6	Brigham Young	16/0
51	Dobbins, Tim	LB	6-1	246	6	Iowa State	14/2
71	Dotson, Lionel	DE	6-4	290	3	Arizona	2/0
54	Edds, A.J.	LB	6-4	246	R	Iowa	
80	Fasano, Anthony (RFA)	TE	6-4	255	5	Notre Dame	14/14
69	Feinga, Ray	OG	6-4	337	1	Brigham Young	0/0
95	Ferguson, Jason	DT	6-3	310	14	Georgia	9/9
2	Fields, Brandon	P	6-5	245	4	Michigan State	16/0
59	Folsom, J.D.	LB	6-3	230	2	Weber State	2/0
63	Gardner, Andrew	OT	6-6	305	2	Georgia Tech	1/0
75	Garner, Nate	OT	6-7	325	3	Arkansas	16/8
17	Grice-Mullen, Ryan	WR	5-11	180	1	Hawaii	0/0
64	Grove, Jake	C	6-4	300	7	Virginia Tech	12/10
60	Hartline, Andrew	OL	6-5	300	2	Central Michigan	0/0
82	Hartline, Brian	WR	6-2	186	2	Ohio State	16/2
81	Haynos, Joey	TE	6-8	270	3	Maryland	16/8
7	Henne, Chad	QB	6-3	230	3	Michigan	14/13
26	Hilliard, Lex	RB	5-11	240	2	Montana	16/0
68	Incognito, Richie	OG	6-3	324	6	Nebraska	12/12
	Ivey, Travis	DT	6-4	325	R	Maryland	
74	Jerry, John	OL	6-5	328	R	Mississippi	
89	Johnson, Taurus	WR	6-1	205	1	South Florida	0/0
57	Johnston, Brian	DE	6-5	269	2	Gardner-Webb	0/0
35	Jones, Reshad	S	6-1	214	R	Georgia	
70	Langford, Kendall	DE	6-6	295	3	Hampton	16/13
77	Long, Jake	OT	6-7	317	3	Michigan	16/16
46	Lumbala, Rolly	FB	6-2	238	R	Idaho	
	Marshall, Brandon	WR	6-4	230	6	Central Florida	15/13
48	McCoy, Chris	LB	6-2	245	R	Middle Tennessee	
78	McDaniel, Tony	DT	6-7	305	5	Tennessee	16/0
97	Merling, Phillip	DE	6-4	295	3	Clemson	16/2
55	Misi, Koa	LB	6-3	251	R	Utah	
	Moore, Marlon	WR	6-0	190	R	Fresno State	
93	Moses, Quentin	LB	6-5	260	4	Georgia	10/0
76	Murtha, Lydon	OT	6-7	315	2	Nebraska	1/0
86	Nalbone, John	TE	6-4	255	2	Monmouth (N.J.)	0/0
31	Ness, Nate	S	6-1	190	1	Arizona	0/0
98	Odrick, Jared	DT	6-5	304	R	Penn State	
27	Oglesby, Evan	CB	5-11	182	5	North Alabama	1/0
10	Pennington, Chad	QB	6-3	225	11	Marshall	3/3
36	Polite, Lousaka	FB	6-0	245	6	Pittsburgh	16/9
11	Pruitt, Julius	WR	6-2	206	1	Ouachita Baptist	0/0
22	Sheets, Kory	RB	5-11	206	2	Purdue	2/0
65	Smiley, Justin	OG	6-3	310	7	Alabama	15/12
24	Smith, Sean	CB	6-3	214	2	Utah	16/16
96	Soliai, Paul	DT	6-4	355	4	Utah	14/5
85	Sperry, Kory	TE	6-4	238	2	Colorado State	8/1
44	Spitler, Austin	LB	6-3	234	R	Ohio State	
94	Starks, Randy	DE	6-3	305	7	Maryland	16/16
16	Thigpen, Tyler	QB	6-1	224	4	Coastal Carolina	1/0
66	Thomas, Donald	OG	6-4	310	3	Connecticut	16/12
53	Torbor, Reggie	LB	6-2	250	7	Auburn	16/2
73	Tsoumpas, Dimitri	OG	6-4	315	R	Weber State	
84	Turner, Patrick	WR	6-5	220	2	USC	2/0
91	Wake, Cameron	LB	6-3	250	2	Penn State	14/1
50	Walden, Erik	LB	6-2	250	3	Middle Tennessee	11/0
	Wallace, A.J.	CB	6-1	195	R	Penn State	
	Wallace, Roberto	WR	6-4	225	R	San Diego State	
	Weaver, Ross	CB	6-1	203	R	Michigan State	
6	White, Pat	QB	6-0	190	2	West Virginia	13/0
34	Williams, Ricky	RB	5-10	230	10	Texas	16/7

4 BUFFALO Bills

2010 PREDICTION: 4-12 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 6-10 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

C. GAILEY

HEAD COACH: Chan Gailey
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Curtis Modkins
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: George Edwards
OWNER: Ralph Wilson Jr.
STADIUM: Ralph Wilson Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 73,967
PLAYING SURFACE: AstroPlay
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.buffalobills.com

It's a new era for the Bills, as sweeping changes have resulted in an almost entirely new front office and coaching staff.

After firing head coach Dick Jauron midway through the 2009 season, the club opted not to retain interim coach Perry Fewell, looking instead for an experienced offensive mind. To find its man, owner Ralph Wilson named a football-savvy GM in Buddy Nix, who flirted with some high-profile candidates before choosing Chan Gailey, whose last NFL head-coaching gig was with the Cowboys in '99.

Gailey's hire wasn't met with overwhelming joy among Bills fans, but the team was in dire need of someone who could turn around its miserable offense, and the 58-year-old has proven his offensive expertise at prior stops. His major challenge will be siphoning production from his hodgepodge of QBs and finding quality receivers after Terrell Owens failed to meet expectations.

Defensively, the Bills will be transitioning to a 3-4 scheme under new coordinator George Edwards. While sorting out a front seven made up mostly of personnel that played in a 4-3 last season could be difficult, Buffalo can rely on its stellar secondary, which is one of the league's best.

For a veteran coach like Gailey, the leash won't be long to get this organization back on the winning path. The Bills haven't made the playoffs since '99, and if they don't show signs of progress, things could get uglier than winter in Buffalo.

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OFFENSE

Finishing a dismal 30th in both total offense and passing yards last season, the Bills sought out an offensive coach in Chan Gailey to help right the ship. While coordinator Curtis Modkins will help with the game plans, the experienced Gailey will be the one calling plays. He's expected to take advantage of the team's strengths by employing a run-heavy attack, as he has done in his previous stops. Given Buffalo's group of quarterbacks and receivers, improving the passing game could prove to be a major challenge.

QUARTERBACKS

With none of their quarterbacks seizing the starting job last season, new coach Chan Gailey has indicated that he will hold a competition in training camp. Ryan Fitzpatrick started the most games (eight) in 2009 and was mostly ineffective, winding up with nine TDs, 10 interceptions and a 69.7 passer rating. He has a fairly big arm and can get the ball downfield, but he has a long delivery and lacks accuracy. He also has a bad habit of locking onto receivers and forcing the ball into coverage, resulting in frequent picks. He's more suited to be a backup than a No. 1. His prime competitor will be Trent Edwards, who began last year as the starter but suffered a concussion in Week Six. A mobile athlete with accuracy and the ability to make all the

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

ILB Andra Davis, DL Dwan Edwards, OT Cornell Green, WR Chad Jackson.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OT Brad Butler, DE Ryan Denney, TE Derek Fine, OG Richie Incognito, WR Terrell Owens, WR Josh Reed, OT Jonathan Scott.

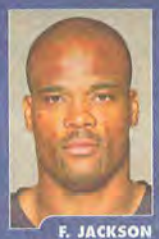
PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Fred Jackson

DEFENSIVE MVP
ILB Paul Posluszny

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
OLB Aaron Maybin

POSITION BATTLE
WR: James Hardy vs. Steve Johnson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P. POSLUSZNY

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	B+	C-	D+	D+	C+	A-	A

throws, Edwards appeared to lose all confidence early on, refusing to throw deep and often checking down to underneath routes. He's smart and could bounce back in a new system, but the 26-year-old will need to regain his poise and trust his arm. Although a long shot, youngster Brian Brohm also will get a chance at the job. Brohm didn't look ready for prime time in one start last season, but he's a hardworking '08 second-round pick with the skills to develop into a productive passer. Buffalo drafted Levi Brown in the seventh round as a developmental prospect.

RUNNING BACKS

With Marshawn Lynch suspended for the first three games of the '09 campaign, the Bills discovered a rising star in Fred Jackson, who finished with 1,062 rushing yards, 371 yards receiving and four TDs. The strong, agile 29-year-old is very quick and has superior vision, allowing him to shoot through holes, then break tackles once contact is made. He also has great hands, making him a dependable pass catcher out of the backfield. He doesn't have blazing speed or top-tier athleticism, but he makes up for it by giving maximum effort on every play. To add a spark to the offense, the Bills drafted C.J. Spiller in Round One. An electrifying playmaker, he has blazing speed and excellent vision, able to shoot through gaps and make people miss. Even in a crowded backfield, he'll be a major part of the offense right away. Given Lynch's numerous run-ins with the law, Buffalo could opt to trade or release him. He runs with extraordinary power, lowering his shoulder and popping defenders who get in his path. A between-the-tackles rusher, he has good burst and pure speed, but he had trouble exploding and finding holes last season. FB Corey McIntyre is a veteran lead blocker and special-teamer who can clear holes.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Miami	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at New England	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Chicago (Toronto)	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	New England	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Buffalo

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 14	At New England	(+13)	24-25
Sept. 20	Tampa Bay	(-4)	33-20
Sept. 27	New Orleans	(+6)	7-27
Oct. 4	At Miami	(+1)	10-38
Oct. 11	Cleveland	(-6)	3-6
Oct. 18	At New York Jets	(+9.5)	16-13*
Oct. 25	At Carolina	(+7)	20-9
Nov. 1	Houston	(+3.5)	10-31
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 15	At Tennessee	(+7.5)	17-41
Nov. 22	At Jacksonville	(+8.5)	15-18
Nov. 29	Miami	(+3.5)	31-14
Dec. 3	New York Jets	(+3.5)	13-19
Dec. 13	At Kansas City	(-2.5)	16-10
Dec. 20	New England	(+7)	10-17
Dec. 27	At Atlanta	(+8)	3-31
Jan. 3	Indianapolis	(-8)	30-7

* Overtime

RECEIVERS

The Bills are left with one of the league's shallowest receiving corps following last year's failed experiment with Terrell Owens, who departed in the offseason. The unquestioned No. 1 wideout is Lee Evans, who had a largely ineffective campaign while playing second fiddle in '09. Lacking great size at 5-10, 197 pounds, Evans is a true speedster who uses his quickness to separate from defenders. He can consistently beat his man deep and stretch zones. He's also strong enough to fight through tackles after the grab. After Evans, Buffalo has a sizable hole at receiver, with little-used third-year players James Hardy and Steve Johnson expected to compete for the starting job. A highly touted prospect in '08, Hardy's pro career has been plagued by injury and minimal production. He's a monster at 6-5, 220 pounds with good hands, but he's not fast and needs to improve his route running. Johnson is more of a slot receiver who is tough but lacks speed, relying on his quickness to make plays. Fourth-round rookie Marcus Easley is a good size-speed prospect who could crack the thin rotation. Roscoe Parrish is a small, speedy option who also could see time out wide. TE Shawn Nelson is likely to take on a bigger role after showing flashes as a rookie. He offers a rare combination of size and speed and is a natural receiver. TE Derek Schouman should see a fair amount of snaps, as well.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Between injuries and poor play, the Bills' O-line was a wreck last season, hindering the offense's production. However, the team did discover that it may have a pair of long-term starters in '09 draft picks Eric Wood and Andy Levitre. Wood, a first-rounder, started 10 games at right guard before suffering a horrific knee injury, but he might have been the club's best lineman when healthy. He's a competitive, tough, aggressive player who works hard to finish his blocks. He's expected to be ready for training camp. Levitre, meanwhile, started all 16 games (15 at left guard) and performed well. He lacks ideal measureables and athleticism, but compensates with high football intelligence. He plays with good balance, has active hands and effectively seals off running lanes. Geoff Hangartner worked out well at center last year, starting every game. He is quick off the line and has stellar technique but can get overpowered by bigger DTs. Offseason signing Cornell Green, 33, is expected to take over for Brad Butler, who made a surprising decision to retire, at right tackle. The veteran uses his strong hands to keep slower defenders out of the pocket, but he isn't very quick and has trouble stopping speed rushers. The Bills appear content to continue starting Demetrius Bell at OLT despite his struggles and ailments in '09. Kirk Chambers and Jamon Meredith are decent reserves at tackle. Buffalo drafted OT Ed Wang and OG Kyle Calloway to develop.

DEFENSE

After employing a 4-3 base under Dick Jauron and Perry Fewell, the Bills will implement an entirely new defensive philosophy in 2010. Chan Gailey hired an experienced coach in George Edwards to coordinate the "D" and install a 3-4 system more in tune with the direction of the league. Although finding the right personnel in the front seven could be difficult as the team transitions, Edwards will be able to rely on a premier pass defense that finished No. 2 in '09.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

In the first year of their 3-4 scheme, the Bills could be attempting to fit square pegs

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@N.E.**	**T.B.**	**N.O.**	**@MIA.**	**CLEV.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**@CAR.**	**HOU.**	**@TEN.**	**@JAX.**	**MIA.**	**N.Y.J.**	**@K.C.**	**N.E.**	**@ATL.**	**IND.**	
Score	24-25	33-20	7-27	10-38	3-6	16-13	20-9	10-31	17-41	15-18	31-14	13-19	16-10	10-17	3-31	30-7	
Total net yards	276	438	243	206	288	296	167	204	296	343	336	194	273	241	178	403	4382
Rushing yards	90	218	89	46	145	142	53	97	89	53	129	123	200	105	40	248	1867
Passing yards	186	220	154	160	143	154	114	107	207	290	207	71	73	136	138	155	2515
Rushing plays	19	35	21	17	35	42	30	20	20	18	25	24	35	23	18	42	424
Sacks allowed	4	2	4	6	2	1	2	2	2	2	6	3	2	6	2	0	46
Had intercepted	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	19
Fumbles lost	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	11
Yards penalized	71	55	116	19	75	64	22	36	65	43	20	5	40	124	60	40	855
Punts	4	3	9	5	7	8	8	6	5	4	3	7	4	5	7	5	90

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	37:08	30:27	33:34	37:09	28:26	27:35	34:40	39:08	31:20	36:24	31:46	35:10	29:26	26:28	34:25	22:26	32:13
Total net yards	441	353	378	336	193	414	425	439	378	310	325	331	354	224	391	157	5449
Rushing yards	73	57	222	250	171	318	116	182	168	102	157	249	145	109	157	25	2501
Passing yards	368	296	156	86	22	96	309	257	210	208	168	82	209	115	234	132	2948
Rushing plays	23	19	38	45	41	40	25	41	35	34	37	43	27	34	37	16	535
Sacks allowed	1	2	2	6	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	5	3	0	3	1	32
Had intercepted	1	2	0	0	1	6	3	2	1	1	4	0	4	1	0	2	28
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Yards penalized	55	112	97	45	29	96	67	45	75	50	50	18	43	52	70	15	919
Punts	1	6	5	5	9	5	6	1	3	5	5	7	5	5	4	6	78

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Edwards	2-25-0	3-24-0	2-13-0		4-40-0				3-4-0								14-106-0
Fitzpatrick						7-20-0	7-10-0			1-5-0	7-50-1	5-32-0	3-17-0			1-7-0	31-141-1
Jackson	15-57-0	28-163-0	18-71-0	9-42-0	13-30-0	15-52-0	5-2-0	9-28-0	8-48-0	8-35-0	15-73-2	13-31-0	20-99-0	15-80-0	13-39-0	33-212-0	237-1062-2
Lynch				8-4-0	17-69-0	19-61-0	17-40-1	9-43-0	9-37-0	8-18-0	3-6-0	6-60-1	12-84-0	8-25-0	3-3-0	1-0-0	120-450-2
Owens		1-13-0			1-6-0	1-9-0	1-1-0	1-29-1							1-(-4)-0		6-54-1

PASSING **

Brohm															17-29-2 146-0		17-29-2 146-0
Edwards	15-25-0 212-2	21-31-1 230-2	20-35-1 156-0	14-26-3 192-1	16-31-1 152-0	5-5-0 43-0			18-28-1 185-1					1-2-0 (-1)-6			110-183-7 1169-6
Fitzpatrick						10-25-1 116-1	11-22-0 123-1	15-23-2 117-0	2-7-1 6-0	18-31-2 297-1	17-26-1 246-1	9-23-1 98-0	12-20-1 86-1	17-25-1 178-1		16-25-0 155-3	127-227-10 1422-9

RECEIVING

Evans	3-25-0	1-32-1	4-31-0	2-60-0	2-11-0	4-68-1	5-75-1	2-29-0	4-50-2	1-15-0	2-40-0	1-38-0	1-11-0	3-35-1	5-43-0	4-49-1	44-612-7
Fine			5-34-0		1-8-0	1-5-0		1-9-0	1-8-0								9-64-0
Jackson	5-83-1	6-25-0	4-26-0	3-26-0	2-17-0				3-23-0	4-20-0	5-43-0	3-24-0	3-23-0	4-32-0	2-14-0	2-15-1	46-371-2
Lynch				5-43-0	6-56-0	2-11-0	1-7-0	3-6-0	4-18-0		1-9-0	1-4-0	3-10-0		1-13-0	1-2-0	28-179-0
McIntyre						2-18-0					1-9-0				4-28-0		7-55-0
Nelson	2-13-1	1-13-0			1-0-0	2-34-0			3-13-0	1-25-0	1-22-0		2-19-0	4-17-0			17-156-1
Owens	2-46-0	3-52-1		3-60-0	4-44-0	3-13-0	3-27-0	5-39-0	3-85-0	9-197-1	5-96-1	3-31-0	2-15-1	2-20-0	4-39-0	4-65-1	55-829-5
Reed		4-46-0	6-60-0	1-3-1		1-10-0	2-14-0	3-29-0	2-16-0	3-40-0	1-10-0			4-63-0			27-291-1
Schouman	3-41-0	6-62-0															9-103-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

into round holes along a D-line that was largely responsible for the club ranking 30th against the run last year. Perhaps nowhere is this more obvious than at nose tackle, where Kyle Williams is the front-runner for the starting job. While a strong, powerful player in the trenches, Williams lacks the size (6-1, 306 pounds) to be a true nose and could struggle making the adjustment. He'll get a strong fight from second-rounder Torell Troup, a mammoth presence who's a better fit for the spot. Former DTs Marcus Stroud and Spencer Johnson will slide out to end in the 3-4. Stroud is athletic and able to both rush the passer and clog up run lanes. He's a probable starter. Johnson, who's undersized but understands leverage and hand positioning, should see plenty of time in the rotation. Buffalo brought in former Raven Dwan Edwards to man the other end spot. He's not extremely powerful and can have trouble shedding blocks, but he plays with lots of energy and is good in pursuit. Third-round rookie Alex Carrington is a true five-technique who likely will be in the rotation.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	C.J. Spiller	RB	Clemson	9
2	Torell Troup	DT	Central Florida	41
3	Alex Carrington	DE	Arkansas State	72
4	Marcus Easley	WR	Connecticut	107
5	Ed Wang	OT	Virginia Tech	140
6	Arthur Moats	OLB	James Madison	178
6	Danny Batten	OLB	South Dakota State	192
7	Levi Brown	QB	Troy	209
7	Kyle Calloway	OG	Iowa	216

C.J. SPILLER

LINEBACKERS

George Edwards' defensive scheme will require good-sized, fast pass rushers to occupy the outside linebacker spots, meaning some DEs will be switching positions. Aaron Schobel, who was contemplating retirement during the off-season, should make for an ideal 3-4 OLB if he returns, as he is quick and explosive off the edge, unrelenting in his effort to level the quarterback. He had 10 sacks in '09 and appears to have multiple good years left. Like Schobel, Chris Kelsay is also an undersized lineman likely to move. He's not overly powerful but is very athletic and has impressive range, which should make it a relatively smooth transition. After Aaron Maybin's ineffective rookie season, the Bills are hoping a position change will be the answer for the '09 first-rounder. Barely noticeable in the trenches, Maybin's exceptional burst and elite first-step speed should translate well to an OLB spot. He could compete for a starting job. Chris Ellis could become an outside 'backer, as well. Inside, Paul Posluszny is a force, recording 111 tackles last season despite missing four games with a broken arm. He is extremely tough and plays with a mean streak, delivering blows and wrapping up solidly. The Bills added former Bronco Andra Davis to man the other inside spot. The veteran has experience in the 3-4, but his physical tools aren't what they once were, as he isn't particularly fast and has trouble shedding bigger blockers. Kawika Mitchell is versatile enough to play inside or outside, and Keith Ellison could do the same. Jon Corto and Nic Harris will provide depth. Sixth-round rookies Arthur Moats and Danny Batten don't figure to be major contributors right away.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Bills' secondary should remain one of the league's best, as it boasts a deep, talented crop of players. At cornerback, Terrence McGee and Leodis McKelvin make a formidable tandem. In and out of the lineup with injuries last season, McGee excels at anticipating and reacting to throws, which allows him to consistently play the ball. He lacks size and pure speed, though, so he's vulnerable to being bullied by larger wideouts. McKelvin, who missed all but three games in '09 with a fractured fibula, is an athletic phenom who uses his quickness and instincts to stick on receivers. Drayton Florence

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**83 EVANS**	11 Parrish	81 Easley*
OLT	**77 D. BELL**	69 Meredith	74 Hennessey
OLG	**67 LEVITRE**	76 Ramsey	
C	**63 HANGARTNER**	61 Gaddis	
ORG	**70 WOOD**	60 Calloway*	
ORT	**74 GREEN**	73 Chambers	71 Wang*
TE	**89 S. NELSON**	80 Schouman	87 Klopfenstein
WR	**84 HARDY**	13 St. Johnson	17 C. Jackson
QB	**5 T. EDWARDS**	14 Fitzpatrick	4 Brohm
RB	**22 F. JACKSON**	21 Spiller*	23 Lynch
FB	**38 McINTYRE**		
DEFENSE			
DLE	**99 STROUD**	91 Sp. Johnson	72 Duncan
NT	**95 WILLIAMS**	96 Troup*	64 Favorite
DRE	**98 D. EDWARDS**	92 Carrington*	97 McCargo
LOLB	**90 KELSAY**	93 Ellis	53 Moats*
LILB	**54 DAVIS**	55 Mitchell	57 Corto
RILB	**51 POSLUSZNY**	56 Ellison	54 N. Harris
ROLB	**94 SCHOBEL**	58 Maybin	
LCB	**24 McGEE**	26 Youboty	27 Corner
RCB	**28 McKELVIN**	29 Florence	25 Lankster
SS	**37 WILSON**	43 Scott	
FS	**31 BYRD**	20 Whitner	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**8 MOORMAN**		
PK	**9 LINDELL**		
H	**8 MOORMAN**		
PR	**11 PARRISH**	28 McKelvin	
KR	**28 McKELVIN**	21 Spiller*	
LS	**65 SANBORN**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Bob Bicknell, *tight ends;* George Catavolos, *secondary;* Eric Ciano, *co-head strength and conditioning coach;* George Cortez, *quarterbacks;* DeMontie Cross, *inside linebackers;* Joe D'Alessandris, *offensive line;* Daryl Daye, *assistant to head coach;* Bruce DeHaven, *special-teams coordinator;* George Edwards, *defensive coordinator;* Chan Gailey, *head coach;* John Gamble, *co-head strength and conditioning coach;* Stan Hixon, *wide receivers;* Bobby Johnson, *asst. offensive line;* Stan Kwan, *asst. special teams;* Curtis Modkins, *offensive coordinator/running backs;* Kevin Patullo, *offensive quality control;* Bob Sanders, *outside linebackers;* Giff Smith, *defensive line;* Adrian White; *defensive quality control.*

played surprisingly well in place of McKelvin and should see plenty of action in '10. His technique could use some improvement, but he can keep up with fast wideouts. Reggie Corner, Ashton Youboty, Cary Harris and Ellis Lankster give Buffalo quality depth at the position. At free safety, Jairus Byrd was a rookie revelation. He tied for the NFL lead with nine interceptions and made the Pro Bowl. He is a prototypical ballhawk and uses his understanding of the game to diagnose and react quickly. At strong safety, George Wilson proved to be an up-and-comer in '09, racking up 103 tackles and four picks. His specialty is stopping the run, as he has good leverage, hits hard and finishes tackles. Given the emergence of this pair, former starters Donte Whitner and Bryan Scott likely will be reserves this season, though each should see his share of snaps.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Bills are annually an elite special-teams unit, but the departure of superb coach Bobby April could loom large. They still have top-notch personnel, though, with returners like Roscoe Parrish, who has solid vision and elusiveness bringing back punts, and Leodis McKelvin, a blazer on kickoff duty, who are considered to be two of the league's elite. Dynamic rookie C.J. Spiller could be used to return kicks, as well. P Brian Moorman has an underrated leg and is extremely consistent, with directional punting being his forté. PK Rian Lindell has also been a strong point in Buffalo for years. He knocked through 28-of-33 field-goal attempts in '09 and can make kicks under pressure.

SUMMARY

This is a critical season for the Bills, as Chan Gailey must convince the loyal fans of Buffalo that he is the right man for the job — or risk losing some of them for good. The pieces are in place for the defense to take a step forward, but Gailey must work his magic to improve the offense and prevent another last-place finish in the highly competitive AFC East.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
57	Batten, Danny	LB	6-3	254	R	South Dakota State	
77	Bell, Demetrius	OT	6-5	307	3	Northwestern St. (La.)	8/8
35	Bell, Joique	RB	5-11	220	R	Wayne State	
4	Brohm, Brian	QB	6-3	223	3	Louisville	2/1
10	Brown, Levi	QB	6-3	219	R	Troy	
31	Byrd, Jairus	S	5-10	200	2	Oregon	14/11
60	Calloway, Kyle	OG	6-6	323	R	Iowa	
92	Carrington, Alex	DE	6-5	285	R	Arkansas State	
73	Chambers, Kirk	OT	6-7	315	6	Stanford	14/9
59	Coleman, Antonio	LB	6-1	248	R	Auburn	
27	Corner, Reggie	CB	5-9	175	3	Akron	16/8
57	Corto, Jon	LB	6-1	220	3	Sacred Heart	16/1
79	Croner, Will	DE	6-2	279	R	Howard	
54	Davis, Andra	LB	6-1	251	9	Florida	16/13
41	Destin, John	CB	5-11	191	R	Tulsa	
72	Duncan, Rashaad	DT	6-2	315	1	Pittsburgh	0/0
81	Easley, Marcus	WR	6-2	216	R	Connecticut	
98	Edwards, Dwan	DL	6-3	290	7	Oregon State	16/9
5	Edwards, Trent	QB	6-4	231	4	Stanford	8/7
93	Ellis, Chris	LB	6-4	261	3	Virginia Tech	3/0
56	Ellison, Keith	LB	6-0	229	5	Oregon State	8/8
83	Evans, Lee	WR	5-10	197	7	Wisconsin	16/16
64	Favorite, Marlon	DT	6-1	317	1	LSU	0/0
44	Ferguson, Rodney	RB	6-0	234	1	New Mexico	0/0
14	Fitzpatrick, Ryan	QB	6-2	225	5	Harvard	10/8
29	Florence, Drayton	CB	6-0	195	8	Tuskegee	14/13
61	Gaddis, Christian	OG	6-1	300	3	Villanova	1/0
74	Green, Cornell	OT	6-6	315	12	Central Florida	12/12
62	Guerra, Jorge	OG	6-3	300	R	Texas A&M-Kingsville	
63	Hangartner, Geoff	C	6-5	301	6	Texas A&M	16/16
84	Hardy, James	WR	6-5	220	3	Indiana	2/0
47	Harris, Cary	DB	5-11	187	2	USC	4/1
36	Harris, Dominique	DB	6-2	213	R	Temple	
54	Harris, Nic	LB	6-2	232	2	Oklahoma	15/2
98	Harvey, Lonnie	DT	6-3	342	1	Morgan State	0/0
74	Hennessey, Nick	OT	6-5	291	1	Colgate	1/0
15	Huggins, Felton	WR	6-2	186	1	SE Louisiana	0/0
17	Jackson, Chad	WR	6-1	215	4	Florida	0/0
22	Jackson, Fred	RB	6-1	215	4	Coe College	16/11
91	Johnson, Spencer	DE	6-3	286	7	Auburn	16/3
13	Johnson, Steve	WR	6-2	202	3	Kentucky	5/0
90	Kelsay, Chris	LB	6-4	261	8	Nebraska	16/16
87	Klopfenstein, Joe	TE	6-5	262	4	Colorado	1/1
25	Lankster, Ellis	CB	5-9	190	2	West Virginia	10/0
67	Levitre, Andy	OG	6-2	305	2	Oregon State	16/16
9	Lindell, Rian	PK	6-3	233	11	Washington State	16/0
23	Lynch, Marshawn	RB	5-11	215	4	California	13/6
96	Manalac, Ryan	LB	6-0	235	1	Cincinnati	0/0
82	Matthews, Michael	TE	6-4	270	4	Georgia Tech	7/0
58	Maybin, Aaron	LB	6-4	250	2	Penn State	16/0
97	McCargo, John	DE	6-2	307	5	North Carolina State	11/1
24	McGee, Terrence	CB	5-9	198	8	Northwestern St. (La.)	11/10
38	McIntyre, Corey	FB	6-0	258	6	West Virginia	15/4
28	McKelvin, Leodis	CB	5-10	184	3	Troy	3/3
39	Mendenhall, Walter	RB	6-0	227	1	Illinois State	0/0
69	Meredith, Jamon	OT	6-5	304	2	South Carolina	8/4
55	Mitchell, Kawika	LB	6-1	253	8	South Florida	5/5
53	Moats, Arthur	LB	6-0	246	R	James Madison	
8	Moorman, Brian	P	6-0	172	10	Pittsburgh State	16/0
86	Nelson, David	WR	6-5	217	R	Florida	
89	Nelson, Shawn	TE	6-5	240	2	Southern Mississippi	13/12
11	Parrish, Roscoe	WR	5-9	178	6	Miami (Fla.)	12/0
51	Posluszny, Paul	LB	6-1	238	4	Penn State	12/12
76	Ramsey, Andre	OT	6-5	322	1	Ball State	2/0
18	Roosevelt, Naaman	WR	6-0	189	R	Buffalo	
65	Sanborn, Garrison	LS	6-0	240	2	Florida State	16/0
40	Sargeant, Lydell	DB	6-1	187	2	Penn State	0/0
94	Schobel, Aaron	LB	6-4	243	10	TCU	16/16
80	Schouman, Derek	TE	6-2	223	4	Boise State	2/2
43	Scott, Bryan	S	6-1	219	8	Penn State	9/9
21	Spiller, C.J.	RB	5-10	196	R	Clemson	
99	Stroud, Marcus	DE	6-6	310	10	Georgia	15/15
88	Stupar, Jonathan	TE	6-3	254	2	Virginia	14/2
96	Troup, Torell	DT	6-3	314	R	Central Florida	
42	Virgil, Stephan	CB	5-11	189	R	Virginia Tech	
71	Wang, Ed	OT	6-5	314	R	Virginia Tech	
66	Watkins, Jason	OT	6-6	325	1	Florida	0/0
20	Whitner, Donte	S	5-10	208	5	Ohio State	10/8
95	Williams, Kyle	DT	6-1	306	5	LSU	14/14
37	Wilson, George	S	6-0	212	5	Arkansas	16/12
70	Wood, Eric	OG	6-4	315	2	Louisville	10/10
49	Wright, Mike	LB	6-1	241	R	Utah	
26	Youboty, Ashton	CB	5-11	189	5	Ohio State	11/1

BALTIMORE Ravens

2010 PREDICTION: 11-5 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

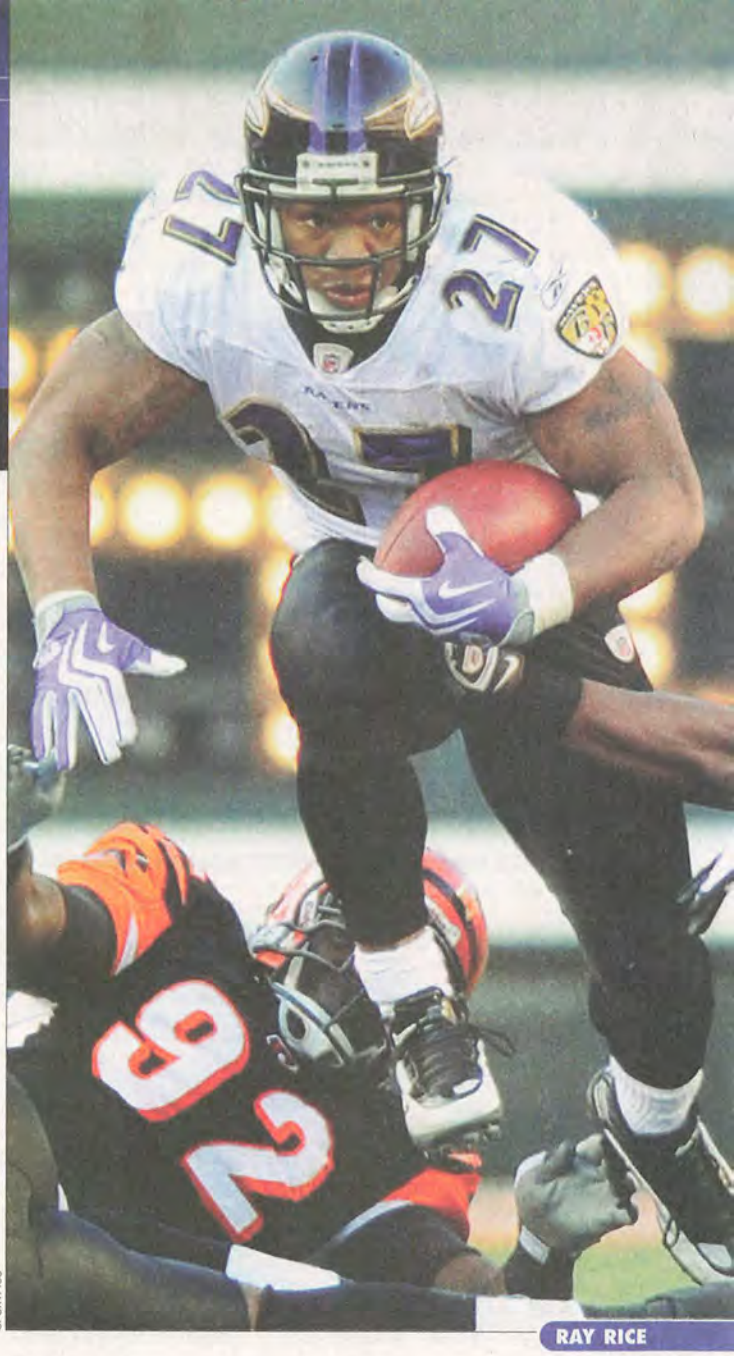
J. HARBAUGH

HEAD COACH: John Harbaugh
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Cam Cameron
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Greg Mattison
OWNER: Steve Bisciotti
STADIUM: M&T Bank | **CAPACITY:** 71,008
PLAYING SURFACE: Sportexe Momentum Turf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.baltimoreravens.com

In Ozzie Newsome's first draft as the Ravens' primary Draft Day decision maker, his first pick was OT Jonathan Ogden, a surefire Hall of Famer. His second pick was Ray Lewis, one of the best defensive players of his generation, a superb leader and still a productive member of the defense 14 years later.

Newsome has proved many times over that his legendary draft haul of 1996 was no fluke. The Ravens have rarely missed on a first-round pick in his tenure, and they have been consistently competitive since winning the Super Bowl in 2000. While they have missed the playoffs several times since, they have never been down long, and they may be better positioned than ever to have a sustained run of playoff appearances. The Ravens long have had a stout defense, but their offense has lagged behind — and has sometimes been a downright liability.

This may be changing. The Ravens' offense, though not powerful, is no longer hapless, and it appears more formidable than it has been in years after the acquisition of ex-Cardinals WR Anquan Boldin. The defense remains tough, with star power along the defensive line, the LB corps and the secondary. The coaching is strong; John Harbaugh has led Baltimore to three playoff wins, all on the road, in two seasons. Put it all together, and this looks like one of the more well-balanced Ravens teams in recent memory. Moreover, it appears built for the long haul.


SPORTPICS
RAY RICE

OFFENSE

The Ravens opened up the playbook early last season, attacking with the pass with success in the opening weeks. However, by season's end, they took a more conservative approach out of necessity with QB Joe Flacco bothered by injuries. Offensive coordinator Cam Cameron adapts well to the strengths and weaknesses of his personnel and makes some sharp in-game adjustments.

QUARTERBACKS

Early last season, Joe Flacco looked like a Pro Bowl-caliber QB, but he was hampered by ankle and hip injuries, with the latter ailment particularly limiting him late in the campaign. Flacco can make all of the throws. He throws a pretty deep ball and can zing the deep out. He's an accurate passer, too. That said, finding secondary receivers can be a challenge for him, and he is not particularly mobile. Those weaknesses aside, he has made significant strides in his two NFL seasons, and he's one of the more promising passers in the league. He has very good poise for a young player and is positioned to be the leader of the Ravens' offense for many years to come. Troy Smith is a capable backup who flashed some potential starting a pair of games in 2007. At 6 feet tall, he is on the short side for the position but has a relatively strong arm. Third-string QB John Beck knows Cam

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

WR Anquan Boldin, DL Cory Redding, WR Donté Stallworth.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

DL Justin Bannan, DL Dwan Edwards, TE Quinn Sypniewski, OT Adam Terry.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP RB Ray Rice

DEFENSIVE MVP DT Haloti Ngata

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER

QB Joe Flacco

POSITION BATTLE

ILB: Dannell Ellerbe vs. Tavares Gooden

R. RICE

H. NGATA

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B-	B+	B	B	B	B+	B	C+

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 13	at N.Y. Jets	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Denver	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at New England	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	Miami	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Atlanta	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Houston	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Baltimore

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Kansas City	(-13)	38-24
Sept. 20	At San Diego	(+1)	31-26
Sept. 27	Cleveland	(-13.5)	34-3
Oct. 4	At New England	(+2)	21-27
Oct. 11	Cincinnati	(-9)	14-17
Oct. 18	At Minnesota	(+3)	31-33
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	Denver	(-4.5)	30-7
Nov. 8	At Cincinnati	(-3)	7-17
Nov. 16	At Cleveland	(-11)	16-0
Nov. 22	Indianapolis	(+2)	15-17
Nov. 29	Pittsburgh	(-7.5)	20-17*
Dec. 7	At Green Bay	(+4)	14-27
Dec. 13	Detroit	(-14)	48-3
Dec. 20	Chicago	(-11)	31-7
Dec. 27	At Pittsburgh	(+3)	20-23
Jan. 3	At Oakland	(-10)	21-13
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 10	At New England	(+3.5)	33-14
Jan. 16	At Indianapolis	(+6.5)	3-20

* Overtime

Cameron's offense well and has starting experience, but he struggled when given a chance to play three years ago.

RUNNING BACKS

The Ravens are deep and talented at running back. Ray Rice emerged as the featured back last season. The third-year pro from Rutgers is very well-rounded. He has good quickness, and he finishes runs strongly, boasting more power than you might expect. The Ravens gave him 254 carries in the regular season, and he didn't show any signs of wearing down, gaining 5.3 yards per carry. He was a force in the playoffs, too, keying the wild-card win at New England with an 83-yard TD run to start the game and racking up 159 yards on 22 carries on a day when the Ravens were protecting the injured Joe Flacco. Rice is also an outstanding pass catcher. The Ravens can even line him up in the slot when they spread the field. Willis McGahee is an effective complement to Rice. He runs with good power and can wear down defenses softened by Rice and a very good offensive line. The Ravens have used him wisely the past two seasons, limiting his carries. FB Le'Ron McClain had his carries cut significantly last season because of the lack of another capable blocking back on the roster. The restricted free agent is an old-time power back as a ballcarrier and an effective blocker to boot. Matt Lawrence and Jalen Parmele will compete for the No. 3 RB role, but there aren't many carries to go around after Rice, McGahee and McClain get their share.

RECEIVERS

The acquisition of WR Anquan Boldin could give the Ravens' passing game a significant lift. Boldin has the skill set and temperament needed to be a No. 1 receiver and has produced at a high level throughout his career. He is exceptionally tough, not at all afraid to go over the middle, and though he doesn't have exceptional speed, he plays fast and can create after the catch. His arrival gives the Ravens two top-caliber possession receivers. Derrick Mason, who re-signed with Baltimore in March, is also adept at getting open on short and intermediate routes. He is an outstanding route runner, which is no small key to his success. The arrival of Boldin likely pushes Mark Clayton, a restricted free agent, into a reserve role; he is best as a complementary target. Ex-Browns WR Donté Stallworth will have a chance to become the club's primary vertical threat, but he was out of football last season after being suspended for pleading guilty to DUI manslaughter, and he didn't make much of an impact with Cleveland in 2008. Rookie David Reed could develop into a possession receiver and contribute on special teams. Veteran wideout Demetrius Williams is fast but inconsistent. At tight end, Todd Heap continues to chug along; though he isn't the vertical threat he was earlier in his career, he is still capable of working open down the field if he gets the right matchup. He has proven his toughness, playing through nagging injuries. Rookies Ed Dickson and Dennis Pitta provide depth behind Heap. Dickson is athletic but could take time to learn the offense, while Pitta has great hands and finds a way to get open.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Ravens have a deep, talented line. ORT Michael Oher is a star in the making and eventually could move to left tackle. He has very good athleticism and wasn't overwhelmed by the pro game as a rookie. His development could convince the Ravens to eventually trade OLT Jared Gaither, an above-average starter in his own right but in line soon for a lucrative contract extension. The 6-foot-9 Gaither, a restricted free agent, is simply tough to get around and played well last season when in the lineup. However, he needs to be more consistent, and his practice habits are not great. If the Ravens traded Gaither, they would likely move Oher to left tackle and could give Oniel Cousins another shot at right tackle. Cousins plays with a mean streak but hasn't developed the way the Ravens had hoped. Ex-Packer Tony Moll provides further depth at tackle, as does David Hale, who can also play guard and center. The Ravens are strong along the interior of the line. C Matt Birk, a former Pro Bowler, is smart and quick and had a solid first season in Baltimore. OLG Ben Grubbs has outstanding tools for the position; strong and athletic, he ranks among the league's best at his position. ORG Marshal Yanda came on late last season to take the starting job from Chris Chester, and Yanda — who also can play right tackle — appears to have a bright future at the position. Chester is an ideal third guard and backup center. He's athletic but lacks strength. Massive and raw rookie Ramon Harewood projects to guard but can also play tackle.

DEFENSE

The Ravens can give teams a variety of looks. They have the personnel to employ 3-4 and 4-3 schemes and used both fronts last season. Defensive coordinator Greg Mattison isn't quite as aggressive as predecessor Rex Ryan, but this is a stout, swarming group.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

DT Haloti Ngata has developed into a top-caliber run stuffer. In addition to exceptional strength, he has rare movement skills, too. He is a blue-chip player at a position in greater demand than ever, and his acquisition looms ever larger as age becomes a bigger and bigger concern along the

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**K.C.**	**@S.D.**	**CLEV.**	**@N.E.**	**CIN.**	**@MINN.**	**DEN.**	**@CIN.**	**@CLEV.**	**IND.**	**PITT.**	**@G.B.**	**DET.**	**CHI.**	**@PITT.**	**@OAK.**	
Score	38-24	31-26	34-3	21-27	14-17	31-33	30-7	7-17	16-0	15-17	20-17	14-27	48-3	31-7	20-23	21-13	
Total net yards	501	311	479	363	257	448	292	215	274	354	393	185	548	346	323	330	5619
Rushing yards	198	130	142	116	82	81	125	55	128	98	132	66	308	124	175	240	2200
Passing yards	303	181	337	247	175	367	167	160	146	256	261	119	240	222	148	90	3419
Rushing plays	41	32	28	17	18	18	35	17	37	31	29	21	40	31	38	35	468
Sacks allowed	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	4	2	0	5	3	0	2	4	4	36
Had intercepted	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	13
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	9
Yards penalized	65	32	84	85	76	74	94	80	43	20	80	135	50	26	113	37	1094
Punts	3	4	4	3	6	7	4	5	7	2	6	5	2	7	4	5	74
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	20:11	31:19	28:42	34:56	34:19	34:43	26:23	40:00	28:28	27:24	31:34	35:22	30:15	27:42	27:27	32:14	30:41
Total net yards	188	474	186	319	403	426	200	369	160	375	298	350	229	220	286	325	4808
Rushing yards	29	53	71	85	142	167	66	146	86	76	153	94	103	122	48	51	1492
Passing yards	159	421	115	234	261	259	134	223	74	299	145	256	126	98	238	274	3316
Rushing plays	17	21	23	30	34	31	19	39	26	25	38	27	32	30	23	20	435
Sacks allowed	3	2	2	3	1	3	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	4	3	32
Had intercepted	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	4	1	1	22
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	10
Yards penalized	15	85	46	41	39	15	35	40	52	40	59	175	40	9	20	30	741
Punts	5	2	5	3	4	5	8	5	9	3	8	3	5	5	4	5	79

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Clayton	1-9-0		2-15-0				1-4-0										4-28-0
Flacco	5-18-0	5-3-0	2-5-0	1-2-0	1-9-0		5-5-0	2-3-0	1-(-6)-0	2-(-2)-0	1-(-2)-0	3-16-0	1-2-0	2-5-0		4-(-2)-0	35-56-0
L. McClain	6-19-1	4-12-0	2-7-0		2-6-0	1-1-0	3-31-0	2-2-0	3-10-0	3-4-0	4-28-0		6-32-1	3-6-0	6-17-0	1-5-0	46-180-2
McGahee	10-44-1	15-79-2	7-67-2	5-11-0	1-(-2)-0	7-3-0	2-(-1)-0		13-35-0	6-25-0	5-18-1	4-(-4)-1	12-76-2	4-9-0	2-17-0	16-167-3	109-544-12
Parmele													5-17-0				5-17-0
Rice	19-108-0	8-36-0	11-48-1	11-103-0	14-69-0	10-77-2	23-84-1	12-48-1	20-89-1	20-71-0	19-88-0	14-54-0	13-166-1	16-87-0	30-141-0	14-70-0	254-1339-7
T. Smith													2-14-1	6-17-0			8-31-1

PASSING **

Flacco	26-43-1 307-3	17-26-1 190-2	25-35-0 342-1	27-47-1 264-2	22-31-2 186-1	28-43-0 385-2	20-25-0 175-1	18-32-2 195-0	13-18-0 155-0	23-35-1 256-0	23-35-0 289-1	15-36-3 137-1	13-20-0 230-1	21-29-0 234-4	13-25-1 166-2	11-19-0 102-0	315-499-12 3613-21
T. Smith			1-2-0 4-0										2-3-0 10-0	2-4-1 10-0			5-9-1 24-0

RECEIVING

Clayton	5-77-1	1-20-0	3-35-0	5-45-0	3-36-0	3-57-1	3-33-0	1-15-0		1-10-0	7-129-0	1-16-0				1-7-0	34-480-2
Heap	5-74-1	1-9-1	4-41-0	4-46-0	7-41-0	3-51-0	3-16-0	3-28-0	4-43-0	2-15-0	1-6-0	5-52-0	2-38-0	5-56-2	2-37-2	2-40-0	53-593-6
Mason	4-47-0	3-31-0	5-118-1	7-88-1		7-97-1	4-40-1	3-31-0	3-78-0	9-142-0	7-62-1	2-13-0	5-94-1	6-87-1	7-77-0	1-23-0	73-1028-7
L. McClain	3-23-0	2-16-0	3-29-0		3-10-0	1-(-2)-0		2-24-0	3-19-0	1-5-0	1-9-0				1-2-0	1-6-0	21-141-0
McGahee	4-31-1	2-10-0		1-13-1	1-4-0		1-4-0			1-7-0	1-1-0		1-2-0	3-13-0			15-85-2
Rice	2-12-0	5-46-0	4-27-0	5-49-0	7-74-1	10-117-0	5-24-0	8-87-0	3-15-0	7-64-0	5-67-0	3-17-0	4-53-0	5-17-0	1-14-0	4-19-0	78-702-1
L.J. Smith			1-26-0							1-5-0							2-31-0
K. Washington	3-43-0	4-58-1	5-66-0	4-31-0	1-21-0	3-48-0	4-58-0	1-10-0		1-8-0	1-15-0	4-39-1			1-27-0	2-7-0	34-431-2
Williams						1-17-0							2-45-0	4-71-1	1-9-0		8-142-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

Ravens' D-line. The Ravens are hoping ex-Seahawks DL Cory Redding can help make up for the losses of Justin Bannan and Dwan Edwards in free agency. Redding will play end in a "30" front and will slide inside when the Ravens use a four-man line. There was a time when Redding, who turns 30 in November, was regarded as one of the NFL's rising stars at defensive tackle, a quick, strong pass rusher with a very good motor. He hasn't been nearly as effective recently, but the Ravens know talent when they see it, and if Redding can stay healthy, he could be every bit the player Bannan or Edwards was — or more. NT Kelly Gregg gives outstanding effort, possesses good quickness and understands how to play with leverage, and he's still an effective starter, but he turns 34 in November. Rookie Terrence Cody could eventually replace Gregg. Cody is massive and has long arms, but the Ravens must watch his conditioning. DE Trevor Pryce, who came off the bench for most of last season behind Edwards, still has some pass-rush ability, but he'll be 35 in August. Reserve interior linemen Lamar Divens, Arthur Jones, Brandon McKinney and Kelly Talavou have good size for the position and can contribute in a rotation. Second-year pro Paul Kruger has added weight and will primarily play defensive end this season.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
2	Sergio Kindle	OLB	Texas	43
2	Terrence Cody	NT	Alabama	57
3	Ed Dickson	TE	Oregon	70
4	Dennis Pitta	TE	Brigham Young	114
5	David Reed	WR	Utah	156
5	Arthur Jones	DT	Syracuse	157
6	Ramon Harewood	OT-OG	Morehouse (Ga.)	194

S. KINDLE

LINEBACKERS

At 35, Ray Lewis is still an intimidating force in the middle, albeit not quite the playmaker he was earlier in his career. He has tremendous instincts for the position and isn't going to be fooled very often. He still runs well enough, and he notched 95 solo tackles a season ago — his most in five seasons. Second-year LB Dannell Ellerbe could start at the spot opposite of Lewis; he came on late last season and took the starting job away from Tavares Gooden, who has good athleticism but struggled to stay healthy and didn't make the most of his opportunity to be a starter. The Ravens also could turn to veteran LB Brendon Ayanbadejo, who was playing well before suffering a season-ending quadriceps tear. He's quick and defends the pass well. Second-year LB Jason Phillips, who spent his rookie season on injured reserve, also could be in the mix for playing time inside. The Ravens are set at outside linebacker with Terrell Suggs and Jarret Johnson. Suggs, who can also play end in a 4-3 scheme, struggled with a knee injury last season, but he has played like one of the game's best outside 'backers in a 3-4 scheme at points of his career. He can be the complete package as an edge rusher — he's quick, but he also is strong in his lower and upper body. Johnson, a converted defensive end, has developed into a fine all-around outside 'backer. Rookie OLB Sergio Kindle also figures to be a key part of the defense. He is athletic, physical and explosive and could make an immediate impact as a pass rusher. Jameel McClain, who can play inside linebacker, is another reserve option outside, as are Antwan Barnes and Prescott Burgess, who primarily contribute on special teams.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

FS Ed Reed remains one of the top defensive playmakers in the game, skilled at reading the quarterback and making quick breaks on the ball. However, he turns 32 in September, and he missed four games with injuries last season. Also, he left the door open to retiring after the '09 season, though he's expected to play

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**81**	**BOLDIN**	89 Clayton	18 Stallworth
OLT	**71**	**GAITHER**	74 Oher	64 Cousins
OLG	**66**	**GRUBBS**	65 Chester	
C	**77**	**BIRK**	62 Hale	65 Chester
ORG	**73**	**YANDA**	65 Chester	78 Harewood*
ORT	**74**	**OHER**	64 Cousins	79 Moll
TE	**86**	**HEAP**	80 Dickson*	88 Pitta*
WR	**85**	**MASON**	16 D. Reed*	87 D. Williams
QB	**5**	**FLACCO**	10 T. Smith	12 Beck
RB	**27**	**RICE**	23 McGahee	34 Parmele
FB	**33**	**L. McCLAIN**		
DEFENSE				
DT	**92**	**NGATA**	96 Divens	61 A. Jones*
NT	**97**	**GREGG**	63 Cody*	91 McKinney
DE	**93**	**REDDING**	90 Pryce	99 Kruger
RLB	**55**	**SUGGS**	49 Kindle*	53 J. McClain
JACK	**59**	**ELLERBE**	56 Gooden	51 Ayanbadejo
MIKE	**52**	**LEWIS**	53 J. McClain	51 Ayanbadejo
SLB	**95**	**JOHNSON**	50 Barnes	
LCB	**21**	**WEBB**	31 Washington	
RCB	**24**	**FOXWORTH**	25 Carr	29 C. Williams
SS	**26**	**LANDRY**	43 Nakamura	
FS	**20**	**E. REED**	28 Zbikowski	
SPECIALISTS				
P	**4**	**KOCH**		
PK	**7**	**CUNDIFF**		
H	**4**	**KOCH**		
PR	**25**	**CARR**		
KR	**21**	**WEBB**	25 Carr	
LS	**70**	**KATULA**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Roy Anderson, *defensive assistant/secondary*; Clarence Brooks, *defensive line*; Jason Brooks, *assistant to the offense*; Cam Cameron, *offensive coordinator*; John Dunn, *asst. strength and conditioning*; John Harbaugh, *head coach*; Wade Harman, *tight ends*; Jim Hostler, *wide receivers*; Marwan Maalouf, *asst. special teams*; John Matsko, *offensive line*; Greg Mattison, *defensive coordinator*; Andy Moeller, *asst. offensive line*; Ted Monachino, *outside linebackers*; Wilbert Montgomery, *running backs*; Chuck Pagano, *secondary*; Dean Pees, *linebackers*; Bob Rogucki, *strength and conditioning*; Jerry Rosburg, *asst. head coach/special-teams coordinator*; Al Saunders, *senior offensive assistant*; Craig Ver Steeg, *offensive assistant*; Matt Weiss, *head coach's assistant*; Jim Zorn, *quarterbacks*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
51	Ayanbadejo, Brendon	LB	6-1	228	8	UCLA	4/1
50	Barnes, Antwan	LB	6-1	245	4	Florida International	11/0
12	Beck, John	QB	6-2	216	4	Brigham Young	0/0
77	Birk, Matt	C	6-4	309	13	Harvard	16/16
81	Boldin, Anquan	WR	6-1	217	8	Florida State	15/15
54	Burgess, Prescott	LB	6-3	245	4	Michigan	13/0
25	Carr, Chris	CB	5-10	180	6	Boise State	16/4
65	Chester, Chris	OG-C	6-3	305	5	Oklahoma	16/13
63	Cody, Terrence	DT	6-4	360	R	Alabama	
89	Clayton, Mark (RFA)	WR	5-10	190	6	Oklahoma	14/12
64	Cousins, Oniel	OT	6-4	310	3	UTEP	4/3
7	Cundiff, Billy	PK	6-1	207	6	Drake	7/0
80	Dickson, Ed	TE	6-4	250	R	Oregon	
96	Divens, Lamar	DT	6-3	333	3	Tennessee State	0/0
83	Drew, Davon	TE	6-4	260	1	East Carolina	0/0
59	Ellerbe, Dannell	LB	6-1	228	2	Georgia	13/3
37	Fitzhugh, Keith	S	5-11	205	1	Mississippi State	0/0
5	Flacco, Joe	QB	6-6	230	3	Delaware	16/16
24	Foxworth, Domonique	CB	5-11	180	6	Maryland	16/16
71	Gaither, Jared (RFA)	OT	6-9	330	4	Maryland	11/11
40	Gerard, K.J.	CB	6-1	187	2	Northern Arizona	3/0
56	Gooden, Tavares	LB	6-1	235	3	Miami	12/12
97	Gregg, Kelly	DT	6-0	315	11	Oklahoma	16/13
66	Grubbs, Ben	OG	6-3	315	4	Auburn	16/16
62	Hale, David	OG-OT	6-6	315	3	Weber State	12/0
78	Harewood, Ramon	OL	6-6	340	R	Morehouse (Ga.)	
14	Harper, Justin	WR	6-3	215	3	Virginia Tech	2/0
86	Heap, Todd	TE	6-5	250	10	Arizona State	9/0
95	Johnson, Jarret	LB	6-3	265	8	Alabama	16/16
61	Jones, Arthur	DT	6-3	305	R	Syracuse	
48	Jones, Edgar	LB-DE	6-3	263	4	Southeast Missouri	16/0
70	Katula, Matt	LS	6-6	272	6	Wisconsin	16/0
49	Kindle, Sergio	LB	6-3	250	R	Texas	
4	Koch, Sam (RFA)	P	6-1	220	5	Nebraska	16/0
99	Kruger, Paul	DE-LB	6-4	265	2	Utah	9/1
26	Landry, Dawan (RFA)	S	6-0	220	5	Georgia Tech	16/16
32	Lawrence, Matt	RB	6-1	204	2	Massachusetts	8/0
52	Lewis, Ray	LB	6-1	250	15	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
85	Mason, Derrick	WR	5-10	192	14	Michigan State	16/16
72	Mattison, Bryan	OG-OT	6-3	272	2	Iowa	0/0
53	McClain, Jameel	LB	6-1	250	3	Syracuse	16/1
33	McClain, Le'Ron (RFA)	FB	6-0	260	4	Alabama	16/14
23	McGahee, Willis	RB	6-0	232	8	Miami	16/1
91	McKinney, Brandon	DT	6-2	324	5	Michigan State	7/0
79	Moll, Tony	OG-OT	6-5	311	5	Nevada	5/0
43	Nakamura, Haruki	S	5-10	205	3	Cincinnati	9/0
92	Ngata, Haloti	DT	6-4	345	5	Oregon	14/13
74	Oher, Michael	OT	6-4	309	2	Mississippi	16/16
34	Parmele, Jalen	RB	5-11	220	3	Toledo	7/0
30	Paschal, Marcus	CB	6-0	201	3	Iowa	2/0
58	Phillips, Jason	LB	6-0	236	2	TCU	0/0
88	Pitta, Dennis	TE	6-4	245	R	Brigham Young	
16	Price, Maurice	WR	6-1	200	2	Charleston Southern	0/0
90	Pryce, Trevor	DE	6-5	290	14	Clemson	16/8
93	Redding, Cory	DE	6-4	292	8	Texas	15/3
16	Reed, David	WR	6-0	190	R	Utah	
20	Reed, Ed	S	5-11	200	9	Miami	12/12
76	Reitz, Joe	OT	6-7	270	2	Western Michigan	0/0
27	Rice, Ray	RB	5-8	205	3	Rutgers	16/15
13	Riley, Eron	WR	6-3	200	1	Duke	0/0
69	Rodgers, Stefan	OT	6-5	310	3	Lambuth	0/0
11	Smith, Marcus	WR	6-1	215	3	New Mexico	0/0
10	Smith, Troy	QB	6-0	215	4	Ohio State	4/0
18	Stallworth, Donte'	WR	6-0	220	8	Tennessee	0/0
55	Suggs, Terrell	LB	6-3	260	8	Arizona State	13/13
98	Talavou, Kelly	DT	6-2	340	3	Utah	3/0
94	VanDeSteeg, William	LB-DE	6-4	256	1	Minnesota	0/0
31	Washington, Fabian (RFA)	CB	5-11	180	5	Nebraska	10/10
21	Webb, Lardarius	CB	5-10	179	2	Nicholls State	14/4
29	Williams, Cary	CB	6-1	185	2	Washburn	5/1
87	Williams, Demetrius	WR	6-2	197	5	Oregon	13/0
73	Yanda, Marshal	OG-OT	6-3	310	4	Iowa	16/9
28	Zbikowski, Tom	S	5-11	215	3	Notre Dame	15/4

this season. Reed trusts his instincts and will take some gambles playing centerfield, but he usually can get away with it. The Ravens' strong safety, Dawan Landry, rebounded nicely in '09 after missing much of the previous season with a neck injury. A restricted free agent, Landry is physical against the run and is solid in pass coverage. The Ravens' reserve safeties, Haruki Nakamura and Tom Zbikowski, are solid backups. Nakamura is smart and instinctive, while Zbikowski has good athleticism and is physical. The Ravens have a fluid situation at cornerback, with Lardarius Webb and RFA Fabian Washington coming off of knee injuries. Domonique Foxworth will start at one CB spot. He had an up-and-down first season in Baltimore, struggling early (especially against bigger receivers) before playing better late in the season. Webb was a revelation as a rookie — fast, physical and disruptive. If he returns to full strength, he could be tough to keep out of the lineup. Washington has terrific speed but didn't play as well in '09 as he did the previous season. Veteran Chris Carr, who has flashed potential at times, provides further CB depth, as does Cary Williams.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Ravens replaced Matt Stover with Steve Hauschka last season only to have Hasuchka struggle so mightily that he was cut in November. Hauschka's replacement, Billy Cundiff, hit 12-of-17 field-goal attempts in his place. Cundiff is likely to have competition for the PK job. The Ravens have an above-average punter in RFA Sam Koch, who had a net average of 37.9 yards per punt last season. They are solid in the return game, with Chris Carr to handle punts and Lardarius Webb to handle kickoffs.

SUMMARY

The Ravens again have a playoff-caliber team. The pressure is on Joe Flacco to develop further — and for the defense to continue to play at a championship level. This club can play with any in the AFC on its best day.

2 PITTSBURGH Steelers

2010 PREDICTION: 8-8 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 9-7 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

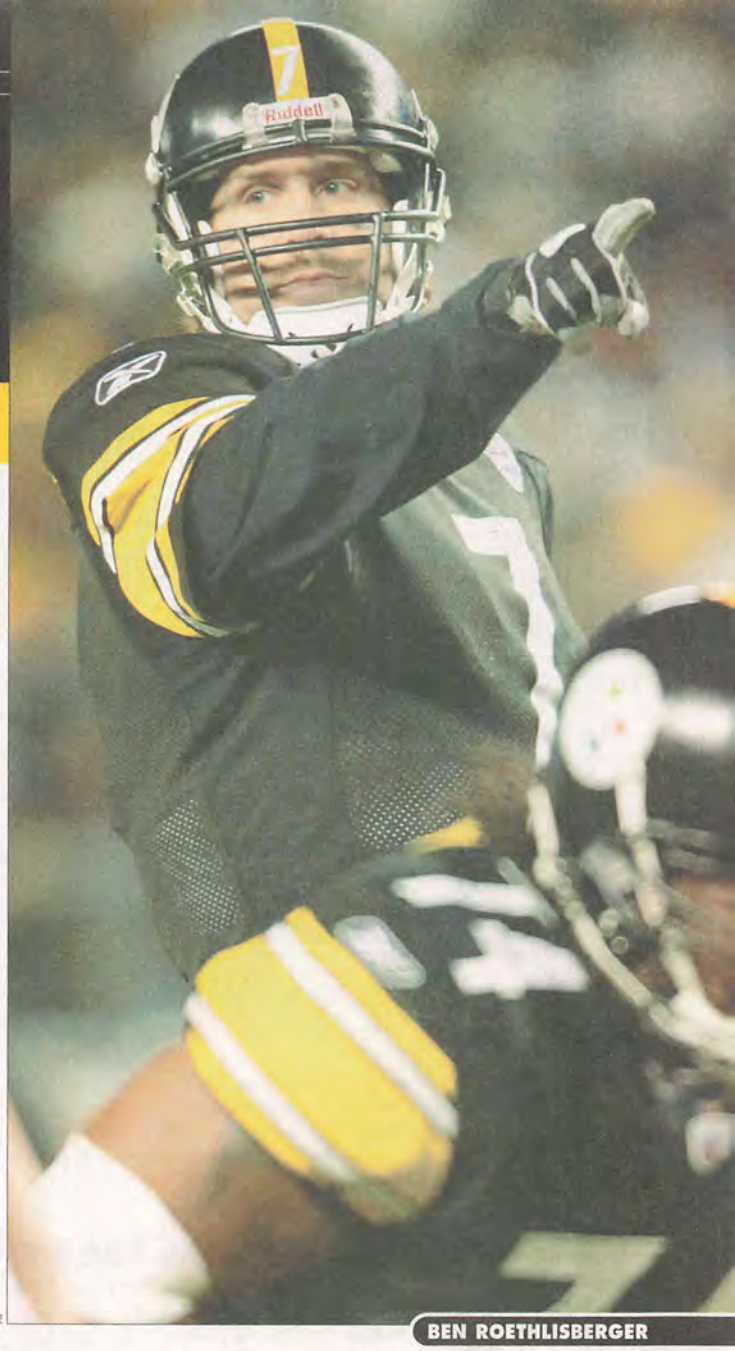
M. TOMLIN

HEAD COACH: Mike Tomlin
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Bruce Arians
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Dick LeBeau
OWNER: Daniel M. Rooney
STADIUM: Heinz Field | **CAPACITY:** 65,050
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.steelers.com

The term "Super Bowl hangover" is often thrown around to describe defending champions who struggle the season after winning the Lombardi Trophy, but it doesn't quite fit for the 2009 Steelers, who started 6-2 only to lose five in a row as their defense, weakened by the loss of SS Troy Polamalu, struggled against even seemingly weaker foes. The offense came up short, too, never more so than in a devastating Thursday-night loss at Cleveland, when Pittsburgh scored six points against a patchwork Browns defense.

A return to the field could be just what the Steelers need after an unpleasant offseason. QB Ben Roethlisberger faced an allegation of sexual assault in Georgia but was not charged after a police investigation. However, the NFL suspended him for six games (which can be reduced to four) for violating its personal-conduct policy. Also, WR Santonio Holmes was shipped to the Jets for a mere fifth-round pick after the club apparently tired of his off-field problems.

In short, the Steelers enter the 2010 campaign as something of an underdog. Their star quarterback will miss the start of the season. Division rivals Baltimore and Cincinnati have bolstered their passing games and again look to have stout defenses. The question for the Steelers isn't whether they can handle lofty expectations; it's what to reasonably expect from them after struggling late last year and enduring a tumultuous offseason.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BEN ROETHLISBERGER

OFFENSE

Bruce Arians' offense came under criticism late last season as the Steelers faded. Some believe the Steelers should employ more of a run-based, ball-control attack on offense, and while this is a sound approach particularly when the weather conditions turn for the worse late in the season, Arians has tried to tailor his attack to Pittsburgh's outstanding passing-game talent. And the Steelers, more often than not, successfully moved the ball last season; only six teams gained more yards per game.

QUARTERBACKS

Ben Roethlisberger has rare gifts for the position. He has a strong arm. He's very tough, taking hit after hit as he tries to deliver the ball down the field. He holds on to the ball too long at times; taking a few more sacks and committing a few more turnovers than he should are the byproducts of such an approach, but so are some highlight-reel throws. When he is playing well, this offense can be special, and it is an attack constructed around his gifts. However, he will miss at least the first four games of this season after being suspended for violating the NFL's personal-conduct policy. His future in Pittsburgh is likely tied to avoiding any off-field missteps in the future. Byron Leftwich, back for a second stint with the Steelers, will compete with Dennis Dixon

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

S Will Allen, WR Arnaz Battle, ILB Larry Foote, QB Byron Leftwich, CB Bryant McFadden, WR Antwaan Randle El, OT Jonathan Scott.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

WR Santonio Holmes, RB Willie Parker.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP QB Ben Roethlisberger

DEFENSIVE MVP S Troy Polamalu

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER

RB Rashard Mendenhall

POSITION BATTLE

ORG: Maurkice Pouncey vs. Trai Essex

B. ROETHLISBERGER

T. POLAMALU

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B+	B-	B-	C-	B	A	B-	C

for the starting job as Roethlisberger serves his suspension. Leftwich is a strong-armed passer with a long delivery and little mobility, but he's a good fit in Bruce Arians' scheme. Dixon has very good athletic ability but must continue to make strides as a passer. Charlie Batch is likely best-suited as No. 3 quarterback; his durability is a major concern.

RUNNING BACKS

RB Rashard Mendenhall is powerfully built and has Pro Bowl ability. The 5-10, 225-pound Mendenhall is quick and fast and has good agility. He is not quite as strong a runner as he could be, but he will be only 23 this season, and with just two professional seasons to his credit, he could show significant improvement in the years to come. Mendenhall must cut down on his fumbles, and his effectiveness waned at points in the second half of the season. He needs to become a more consistent back to handle the increased workload he is likely to get this season; Mendenhall didn't become the starter until the fourth game of the season and carried just seven times in September. With Willie Parker signing with Washington, Mewelde Moore will be the Steelers' top backup. Moore is a useful change-of-pace back who can start in a pinch, catch the ball out of the backfield and spell Mendenhall for a handful of carries a game. The depth chart beyond Moore is unsettled; rookie Jonathan Dwyer, a physical inside runner, could get a look as the short-yardage back. Powerful Frank Summers is likely to be the fullback.

RECEIVERS

TE Heath Miller is a very good all-around player. He's a gifted receiver who knows how to get open and was a bigger part of the passing game than ever last season. He does not have outstanding speed but is an effective short-and-intermediate target. He's also a solid run blocker. Matt Spaeth, a good blocker, will also see plenty of playing time in two-TE sets. David Johnson, who can play H-back, is also in the mix. WR Hines Ward is still the club's go-to target — tough, crafty and reliable. He continues to consistently get open. Mike Wallace is likely to replace the departed Santonio Holmes as the other starting receiver. Wallace is very fast and consistently got open deep as a rookie — 14 of his 39 catches went for 20 yards or more. Based off his rookie form, there's no reason he can't become a reliable starter, but there is no denying the Steelers aren't as strong in the passing game without Wallace and Holmes complementing Ward. Antwaan Randle El, back for another stint with the Steelers, will have a chance to be the third receiver, as will ex-49er Arnaz Battle and swift rookie Emmanuel Sanders. Third-year pro Limas Sweed's chances can't be discounted, either; if he starts catching the ball more consistently, he could be an effective performer in this system. Randle El can play the slot and is dangerous on trick plays. Battle could help out on special teams and has starting experience. Rookie Antonio Brown could also get a look at receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Willie Colon is the Steelers' best lineman and one of the better right tackles in the game. Colon is a strong run blocker, capable of locking on to his man and consistently winning at the line of scrimmage. He's also solid in pass protection. First-round pick Maurkice Pouncey could start at right guard as a rookie. Pouncey will eventually become the starter at center, but he has the ability to be quite good at guard, too, given his excellent size and strength. C Justin Hartwig struggles in pass protection — he has allowed seven sacks in each of the last two seasons. OLG Chris Kemoeatu has moments where he dominates because of his size and brute strength but must be more consistent. OLT Max Starks' size and length are his greatest assets; he has problems with speed rushers, but he can be tough to get around, and he's a good fit in the Steelers' system. Tony Hills, who hasn't played a game in two NFL seasons, will compete with Jonathan Scott for a reserve role at tackle. Scott played for new OL coach Sean Kugler in Buffalo. Trai Essex, who started all 16 games at right guard last season, is another option inside, as are second-year players Ramon Foster and Kraig Urbik. Foster, an undrafted free agent, played ahead of Urbik, a third-round pick, last season, and Urbik needs to take a step forward this year. Foster and rookie Chris Scott, both Tennessee products, can play guard and tackle.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	BYE	
Oct. 17	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at New Orleans	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Cincinnati	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	New England	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 21	Oakland	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Baltimore	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 12	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	New York Jets	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 23	Carolina	8:20 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Pittsburgh

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 10	Tennessee	(-6.5)	13-10*
Sept. 20	At Chicago	(-3)	14-17
Sept. 27	At Cincinnati	(-3.5)	20-23
Oct. 4	San Diego	(-5.5)	38-28
Oct. 11	At Detroit	(-11)	28-20
Oct. 18	Cleveland	(-14)	27-14
Oct. 25	Minnesota	(-6)	27-17
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 9	At Denver	(-3)	28-10
Nov. 15	Cincinnati	(-7)	12-18
Nov. 22	At Kansas City	(-11)	24-27*
Nov. 29	At Baltimore	(+7.5)	17-20*
Dec. 6	Oakland	(-15)	24-27
Dec. 10	At Cleveland	(-10)	6-13
Dec. 20	Green Bay	(-2.5)	37-36
Dec. 27	Baltimore	(-3)	23-20
Jan. 3	At Miami	(-3)	30-24

* Overtime

DEFENSE

The Steelers employed the 3-4 long before it was fashionable and have reaped the rewards of having strong coaching and sharp personnel acumen for players who fit the system. Defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau's zone-blitz scheme can vex opponents, even those who have seen it before. The Steelers are stout against the run but can be attacked in the passing game if the rush doesn't get to the quarterback.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Steelers re-signed NT Casey Hampton to a multi-year deal in the offseason, and with good reason: run-stuffing nose tackles are not easy to find, and Hampton would have been in demand elsewhere. Hampton ties up blockers and generally makes life tough on teams who try to run up the middle on Pittsburgh. He played quite well last season, making a career-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**TEN.**	**@CHI.**	**@CIN.**	**S.D.**	**@DET.**	**CLEV.**	**MINN.**	**@DEN.**	**CIN.**	**@K.C.**	**@BALT.**	**OAK.**	**@CLEV.**	**G.B.**	**BALT.**	**@MIA.**	
Score	13-10	14-17	20-23	38-28	28-20	27-14	27-17	28-10	12-18	24-27	17-20	24-27	6-13	37-36	23-20	30-24	
Total net yards	357	308	373	497	344	543	259	375	226	516	298	401	218	537	286	403	5941
Rushing yards	36	105	102	177	82	140	107	173	80	114	153	132	77	65	48	202	1793
Passing yards	321	203	271	320	262	403	152	202	146	402	145	269	141	472	238	201	4148
Rushing plays	23	22	28	36	21	36	19	29	18	31	38	27	22	19	23	36	428
Sacks allowed	4	2	1	3	3	3	4	3	4	2	0	1	8	5	4	3	50
Had intercepted	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	14
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	11
Yards penalized	60	52	51	59	59	30	15	28	50	81	59	41	40	84	20	40	769
Punts	7	3	2	2	4	2	6	5	5	6	8	3	8	5	4	2	72

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	26:22	29:34	25:18	19:40	32:35	23:14	36:58	26:57	29:08	20:13	28:26	32:49	29:15	24:38	32:33	27:51	27:51
Total net yards	320	275	273	251	335	197	386	242	218	282	393	396	255	436	323	303	4885
Rushing yards	86	44	100	16	110	91	89	27	61	68	132	109	171	60	175	99	1438
Passing yards	234	231	173	235	225	106	297	215	157	214	261	287	84	376	148	204	3447
Rushing plays	25	17	19	8	25	23	23	14	29	20	29	28	37	12	38	25	372
Sacks allowed	1	2	2	3	7	2	4	2	2	5	5	3	1	1	4	3	47
Had intercepted	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	12
Fumbles lost	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	10
Yards penalized	28	80	30	20	66	45	78	25	87	28	80	70	55	53	113	45	903
Punts	5	6	5	6	3	5	6	7	4	6	6	6	8	5	4	4	86

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Dixon											3-27-1						3-27-1
Mendenhall	4-6-0	3-39-0		29-165-2	15-77-1	17-62-1	10-69-0	22-155-0	13-36-0	21-80-0	24-95-0	20-103-1	16-53-0	11-38-1	17-36-1	20-94-0	242-1108-7
Moore	5-8-0	2-13-0	1-6-0	2-2-0	2-8-0	5-20-0	4-14-0	4-18-0	2-21-0	2-1-0	4-2-0	1-7-0			1-(-2)-0		35-118-0
Parker	13-19-0	14-47-0	25-93-0			7-26-0	1-2-0		1-7-0	6-24-0	5-14-0	3-15-0	3-12-0	6-22-0	2-17-0	12-91-0	98-389-0
Roethlisberger	1-3-0	3-6-1	2-3-1	4-3-0	4-(-3)-0	6-11-0	1-2-0	2-(-3)-0	2-16-0	1-4-0		3-7-0	3-12-0	1-7-0	3-(-3)-0	4-17-0	40-82-2

PASSING **

Batch										1-2-0 17-0							1-2-0 17-0
Dixon											12-26-1 145-1						12-26-1 145-1
Roethlisberger	33-43-2 363-1	23-35-1 221-1	22-31-1 276-1	26-33-0 333-2	23-30-1 277-3	23-35-1 417-2	14-26-0 175-1	21-29-1 233-3	20-40-1 174-0	32-42-2 398-3		18-24-1 278-2	18-32-0 201-0	29-46-0 503-3	17-33-1 259-1	18-27-0 220-3	337-506-12 4328-26

RECEIVING

Grisham															1-14-0		1-14-0
Holmes	9-131-1	5-83-0	1-18-0	4-52-0	4-50-0	5-104-0	2-59-0	6-93-0	7-88-0	7-86-0	6-74-1	8-149-1	6-93-0	3-77-0	5-86-1	1-5-1	79-1248-5
Mendenhall		1-13-0		2-26-0	2-16-0	2-15-0	1-(-1)-0	1-9-0	1-5-0	4-36-1	2-22-0		1-17-0	6-73-0	1-4-0	1-26-0	25-261-1
Miller	8-64-0	3-27-0	5-20-0	8-70-2	5-54-1	5-80-1	6-38-0	3-18-0	4-26-0	7-95-1	1-2-0	1-27-0	5-59-0	7-118-0	3-35-0	5-56-1	76-789-6
Moore	4-28-0	3-15-0	1-6-0	3-31-1	3-20-0				2-14-0			1-6-0		3-25-1		1-8-0	21-153-2
Parker	1-5-0	1-3-0	2-36-1			1-9-0				1-11-0							6-64-1
Spaeth		2-10-1	1-7-0						1-1-0	1-7-0							5-25-1
Wallace	3-32-0	2-13-0	7-102-0	2-47-0	2-52-1	2-50-0	3-72-1	4-69-1	1-16-0	2-47-0		2-19-0	2-11-0	2-79-2	3-83-0	2-64-1	39-756-6
Ward	8-103-0	6-57-0	4-82-0	8-113-0	7-85-1	8-159-1	1-3-0	7-44-2	4-24-0	10-128-1	3-47-0	6-77-1	4-21-0	7-126-0	4-37-0	8-61-0	95-1167-6

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

high 43 tackles and even notching 2½ sacks. The backup nose tackle, Chris Hoke, has been an effective complement to the bigger, slower Hampton for many years. DLE Aaron Smith missed most of last season with a shoulder injury and has missed significant stretches of time with injuries in two of the last three years. He's a rugged run defender and effective starter, but he is 34, and 2009 first-round pick Ziggy Hood eventually could replace him in the lineup. Hood came on nicely last season and should improve even more this season in his second year in the system. He's quick and could be a very disruptive 3-4 end once he develops further. DRE Brett Keisel is athletic and is a good fit in the system. Rookie DE Doug Worthington and veterans Nick Eason and Sonny Harris will compete for the backup DE spots.

LINEBACKERS

The Steelers boast the AFC's top OLB tandem. ROLB James Harrison has a well-rounded skill set. He is strong vs. the run, capable in pass defense and outstanding on the pass rush. He is strong and powerful, and he excels at getting low and winning the leverage battle against his opposition. LOLB LaMarr Woodley is a tough matchup for any right tackle or tight end. He has exceptional strength and is a gifted pass rusher. Running to his side of the field is no picnic, either — he gets off blocks very well. If Woodley or Harrison were to miss any extended time, Lawrence Timmons could slide over from inside linebacker. He runs very well and has upside to develop further. James Farrior is likely to start next to Timmons inside for now, though Larry Foote, back for a second stint with Pittsburgh, could eventually replace him. The 35-year-old Farrior's play seemed to fall off as last season progressed. Foote knows the Steelers' defense inside out. He's a thumper against the run but not as strong vs. the pass. Second-round pick Jason Worilds, a defensive end at Virginia Tech, will move to outside linebacker in Pittsburgh's scheme and could take some time to develop. Patrick Bailey, a solid special-teams player, provides further depth at outside linebacker, as does Andre Frazier and fourth-round pick Thaddeus Gibson. Veteran Keyaron Fox and swift but undersized rookie Stevenson Sylvester are reserves inside.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Maurkice Pouncey	C-OG	Florida	18
2	Jason Worilds	OLB	Virginia Tech	52
3	Emmanuel Sanders	WR	SMU	82
4	Thaddeus Gibson	OLB	Ohio State	116
5	Chris Scott	OT	Tennessee	151
5	Crezdon Butler	CB	Clemson	164
5	Stevenson Sylvester	OLB	Utah	166
6	Jonathan Dwyer	RB	Georgia Tech	188
6	Antonio Brown	WR	Central Michigan	195
7	Doug Worthington	DE	Ohio State	242

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DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Steelers missed SS Troy Polamalu in the worst way last season, and his absence loomed large in Pittsburgh's collapses against Oakland and Kansas City, when otherwise mediocre passing attacks moved the ball surprisingly well. Polamalu covers a lot of ground quickly and hits very hard. He can cover up for mistakes on the back end in the passing game and is an outstanding run defender, too. He's an intimidator and a game changer, and when he leaves the lineup, the secondary is far more vulnerable. FS Ryan Clark is instinctive and a hard hitter, and he's a good complement to Polamalu. The Steelers moved to upgrade the depth behind Polamalu and Clark with the signing of ex-Buccaneers S Will Allen, whom Mike Tomlin coached in Tampa. Allen is athletic and rangy; at the least, he'll help on special teams. Ryan Mundy, who got some valuable experience last year, is likely to be the fourth safety. CB Ike Taylor has the speed and length to be effective in man coverage and has fared well against top com-

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
SE	**86 WARD**	82 Randle El	80 Sweed
OLT	**78 STARKS**	66 Hills	
OLG	**68 KEMOEATU**	73 Foster	71 C. Scott*
C	**62 HARTWIG**	Pouncey*	
ORG	**POUNCEY***	79 Essex	65 Urbik
ORT	**74 COLON**	67 J. Scott	71 C. Scott*
TE	**83 MILLER**	89 Spaeth	85 Johnson
FL	**17 WALLACE**	18 Sanders*	81 Battle
QB	**4 LEFTWICH**	2 Dixon	7 Roethlisberger
HB	**34 MENDENHALL**	21 Moore	41 Dwyer*
FB	**44 SUMMERS**		
DEFENSE			
DLE	**91 SMITH**	96 Hood	95 Worthington*
NT	**98 HAMPTON**	76 Hoke	
DRE	**99 KEISEL**	93 Eason	77 R. Harris
LOLB	**56 WOODLEY**	54 Frazier	55 Bailey
LILB	**51 FARRIOR**	50 Foote	45 Doggett
RILB	**94 TIMMONS**	57 Fox	47 Sylvester*
ROLB	**92 HARRISON**	97 Worilds*	90 Gibson*
LCB	**24 TAYLOR**	27 Burnett	20 Lewis
RCB	**McFADDEN**	22 Gay	40 Butler*
SS	**43 POLAMALU**	29 Mundy	
FS	**25 CLARK**	26 Allen	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**9 SEPULVEDA**		
PK	**3 REED**		
H	**9 SEPULVEDA**		
PR	**82 RANDLE EL**	11 Logan	14 Brown*
KR	**82 RANDLE EL**	11 Logan	14 Brown*
LS	**60 WARREN**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Bruce Arians, *offensive coordinator*; Keith Butler, *linebackers*; James Daniel, *tight ends*; Al Everest, *special teams*; Randy Fichtner, *quarterbacks*; Garrett Giemont, *conditioning coordinator*; Harold Goodwin, *quality control/offense*; Ray Horton, defensive backs; Amos Jones, *asst. special teams*; Sean Kugler, *offensive line*; Dick LeBeau, *defensive coordinator*; John Mitchell, *asst. head coach/defensive line*; Scottie Montgomery, *wide receivers*; Jerry Olsavsky, *defensive assistant*; Mike Tomlin, *head coach*; Kirby Wilson, *running backs*.

petition at points during his career, but he does not play the ball well in the air and thus gives up more completions than he should. Also, he always has struggled to catch the ball, and his confidence has been an issue at times. The Steelers reacquired CB Bryant McFadden, who played for them from 2005-08, and will likely put him back in the starting lineup in place of William Gay, who disappointed with his play and approach last season. McFadden is athletic but lacks ball skills and disappointed in his lone season in Arizona. Second-year pros Keenan Lewis and Joe Burnett could push for more playing time. Lewis is in the mold of Taylor and showed some potential last summer. However, he didn't contribute much during the season. Burnett showed he could make plays on the ball as a collegiate star at UCF and might be ready for a bigger role. Rookie CB Crezdon Butler has good length but must be more physical.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Steelers' kickoff coverage was awful last season, and new special-teams coordinator Al Everest is charged with fixing the problem. The Steelers signed several players with special-teams experience — S Will Allen, WR Arnaz Battle and ex-CFL LBs Renauld Williams and Derrick Doggett — who will have a chance to contribute to the coverage units. PK Jeff Reed doesn't have a strong leg, but he doesn't miss many field goals he is supposed to make. He's used to the sometimes-shaky weather at Heinz Field as well its grass surface (which can deteriorate over the course of a season) and occasionally tough winds. P Daniel Sepulveda is underrated; he places the ball well, and less than half his punts a season ago were returned. Stefan Logan, Antwaan Randle El and rookie Antonio Brown can all return kicks.

SUMMARY

Writing off Pittsburgh would be folly — it still boasts one of the NFL's most talented rosters — but wondering whether it can recapture its championship form this season is reasonable, especially with Ben Roethlisberger missing the start of the season.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
26	Allen, Will	S	6-1	200	7	Ohio State	8/2
55	Bailey, Patrick	LB	6-4	235	3	Duke	16/0
16	Batch, Charlie	QB	6-2	216	13	Eastern Michigan	1/0
81	Battle, Arnaz	WR	6-1	208	8	Notre Dame	15/0
87	Bright, Eugene	TE	6-4	268	1	Purdue	0/0
77	Brooks, Dorian	OG	6-2	306	R	James Madison	
14	Brown, Antonio	WR	5-10	186	R	Central Michigan	
27	Burnett, Joe	CB	5-10	192	2	Central Florida	15/0
40	Butler, Crezdon	CB	6-1	191	R	Clemson	
13	Chery, Jason	WR	5-10	185	1	Louisiana-Lafayette	0/0
25	Clark, Ryan	S	5-11	205	9	LSU	15/15
74	Colon, Willie	OT	6-3	315	5	Hofstra	16/16
42	Cromartie-Smith, Da'Mon	S	6-2	210	R	UTEP	
5	Czech, Piotr	PK	6-5	210	1	Wagner	0/0
2	Dixon, Dennis	QB	6-3	209	3	Oregon	1/1
45	Doggett, Derrick	LB	6-3	210	R	Oregon State	
41	Dwyer, Jonathan	RB	5-11	229	R	Georgia Tech	
93	Eason, Nick	DE	6-3	305	8	Clemson	8/5
79	Essex, Trai	OG	6-5	324	6	Northwestern	16/16
51	Farrior, James	LB	6-2	243	14	Virginia	16/16
50	Foote, Larry	LB	6-1	239	9	Michigan	14/14
73	Foster, Ramon	OT	6-6	325	2	Tennessee	14/4
57	Fox, Keyaron	LB	6-3	235	7	Georgia Tech	16/3
54	Frazier, Andre	LB	6-5	245	6	Cincinnati	14/0
22	Gay, William	CB	5-10	190	4	Louisville	16/14
90	Gibson, Thaddeus	LB	6-2	243	R	Ohio State	
8	Graessle, Adam	P	6-4	225	1	Pittsburgh	0/0
19	Grisham, Tyler	WR	5-11	180	1	Clemson	4/0
98	Hampton, Casey	NT	6-1	325	10	Texas	16/16
77	Harris, Ra'Shon	DE	6-5	300	2	Oregon	0/0
37	Harris, Tuff	DB	6-0	198	4	Montana	0/0
92	Harrison, James	LB	6-0	242	7	Kent State	16/16
62	Hartwig, Justin	C	6-5	312	9	Kansas	16/16
66	Hills, Tony	OT	6-5	304	3	Texas	1/0
76	Hoke, Chris	NT	6-2	305	9	Brigham Young	16/0
96	Hood, Ziggy	DE	6-3	300	2	Missouri	16/0
85	Johnson, David	TE	6-2	260	2	Arkansas State	15/3
67	Jolly, Kyle	OT	6-6	300	R	North Carolina	
99	Keisel, Brett	DE	6-5	285	9	Brigham Young	15/15
68	Kemoeatu, Chris	OG	6-3	344	6	Utah	12/12
4	Leftwich, Byron	QB	6-5	250	8	Marshall	3/3
64	Legursky, Doug	C	6-1	315	2	Marshall	8/0
20	Lewis, Keenan	CB	6-0	208	2	Oregon State	4/0
11	Logan, Stefan	RB	5-6	180	2	South Dakota	16/1
15	London, Brandon	WR	6-4	215	2	Massachusetts	0/0
37	Madison, Anthony	CB	5-9	180	5	Alabama	12/0
	McFadden, Bryant	CB	6-0	190	6	Florida State	16/16
49	McHugh, Sean	TE	6-5	265	7	Penn State	0/0
69	McLendon, Steve	DT	6-4	280	1	Troy	0/0
34	Mendenhall, Rashard	RB	5-10	225	3	Illinois	16/12
83	Miller, Heath	TE	6-5	256	6	Virginia	16/16
21	Moore, Mewelde	RB	5-11	209	7	Tulane	16/0
29	Mundy, Ryan	S	6-1	209	2	West Virginia	16/0
71	Paxson, Scott	NT	6-4	292	2	Penn State	0/0
30	Pittman, David	CB	5-11	185	4	Northwestern St. (La.)	0/0
43	Polamalu, Troy	SS	5-10	207	8	USC	5/5
	Pouncey, Maurkice	OG-C	6-4	304	R	Florida	
82	Randle El, Antwaan	WR	5-10	185	9	Indiana	16/3
33	Redman, Isaac	RB	6-0	230	1	Bowie State	1/0
3	Reed, Jeff	PK	5-11	225	9	North Carolina	16/0
61	Retkofsky, Jared	LS	6-5	260	3	TCU	2/0
7	Roethlisberger, Ben (susp.)	QB	6-5	241	7	Miami (Ohio)	15/15
18	Sanders, Emmanuel	WR	5-11	180	R	SMU	
71	Scott, Chris	OT	6-4	319	R	Tennessee	
72	Scott, Jonathan	OT	6-6	318	4	Texas	10/8
9	Sepulveda, Dan	P	6-3	230	4	Baylor	16/0
91	Smith, Aaron	DE	6-5	298	12	Northern Colorado	5/5
89	Spaeth, Matt	TE	6-7	270	4	Minnesota	16/9
78	Starks, Max	OT	6-8	345	7	Florida	16/16
44	Summers, Frank	RB	5-10	240	1	UNLV	2/1
80	Sweed, Limas	WR	6-4	220	3	Texas	9/0
47	Sylvester, Stevenson	LB	6-2	231	R	Utah	
38	Taylor, Demetrius	FB	6-0	273	R	Virginia Tech	
24	Taylor, Ike	CB	6-2	195	8	Louisiana-Lafayette	16/16
67	Thompson, Cordarrow	DL	6-2	301	R	Virginia Tech	
46	Thornton, Justin	S	6-1	213	R	Kansas	
94	Timmons, Lawrence	LB	6-1	234	4	Florida State	14/13
69	Trump, A.J.	C-OG	6-3	300	R	Miami (Fla.)	
65	Urbik, Kraig	OG	6-5	323	2	Wisconsin	0/0
	Vierling, Bradley	C	6-3	290	R	Vanderbilt	
28	Vincent, Justin	RB	5-10	219	2	LSU	0/0
17	Wallace, Mike	WR	6-0	199	2	Mississippi	16/5
86	Ward, Hines	WR	6-0	205	13	Georgia	16/16
60	Warren, Greg	LS	6-3	252	6	North Carolina	14/0
53	Williams, Johnny	LB	6-2	246	1	Kentucky	0/0
48	Williams, Renauld	LB	6-0	228	5	Hofstra	0/0
35	Williams, Trae	CB	5-10	195	1	South Florida	0/0
39	Witten, Lindsey	OLB	6-4	250	R	Connecticut	
56	Woodley, LaMarr	OLB	6-2	265	4	Michigan	16/16
97	Worilds, Jason	OLB	6-2	262	R	Virginia Tech	
95	Worthington, Doug	DE	6-5	292	R	Ohio State	

3 CINCINNATI Bengals

2010 PREDICTION: 7-9 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

M. LEWIS

HEAD COACH: Marvin Lewis
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Bob Bratkowski
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Zimmer
OWNER: Mike Brown
STADIUM: Paul Brown Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 65,535
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.bengals.com

The Bengals' division title in 2009 was an organizational triumph. It was a credit to club president Mike Brown, who stuck with head coach Marvin Lewis after just one playoff appearance in his first six seasons. And it was a credit to Lewis and his coaching staff, which masterfully adjusted to the talent on hand. The offense leaned more heavily on the running game than in past seasons, and RB Cedric Benson responded with the best year of his career. The defense was spectacular — stout vs. the run, very good against the pass — and keyed a sweep of Cincinnati's division rivals.

However, the Bengals weren't long for the playoffs, falling to the Jets in the wild-card round in a defeat that laid bare their weakness in the passing game. In the offseason, they signed ex-Buccaneers WR Antonio Bryant, who will take some of the pressure off of Chad Ochocinco, who opposing secondaries focused upon last season. The Bengals also have to hope that QB Carson Palmer, who faded late in the year, will improve in his second season removed from right elbow surgery.

After their last division title in '05, the Bengals missed the playoffs for three consecutive seasons. Cincinnati can't afford to struggle to handle success in a tough AFC North, where the Steelers and Ravens again look to be powerful and the Browns have new direction and finished the '09 campaign on a four-game winning streak.

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OFFENSE

Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski oversaw one of the NFL's most conservative attacks a year ago, but he'll likely be a little more aggressive this season because of an improved WR corps and defenses that may stack the box and dare the Bengals to beat them with the passing game. However, the Bengals are still best-equipped to play power football, with an offensive line that's strongest run-blocking and a bruising workhorse back in Cedric Benson.

QUARTERBACKS

Carson Palmer is an exceptional leader and very tough. He has endured three significant injuries in the past five years — a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the 2005 wild-card loss to Pittsburgh, a right elbow ailment that ended his '08 season prematurely and a broken thumb on his non-throwing hand that he played through in '09. At 30, Palmer could have several good years of football ahead of him provided he doesn't endure any more injuries. He didn't finish the '09 season particularly well; including the Bengals' playoff loss to the Jets, he failed to exceed 200 yards passing in half of his final 10 starts. Also, he struggled with his accuracy in the playoff loss. However, it would not be surprising to see him rebound with a better supporting cast. The Bengals added several capable targets

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

WR Antonio Bryant, WR Chris Davis, WR Matt Jones, PK Dave Rayner.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

WR Laveranues Coles, RB Larry Johnson, DT Shaun Smith.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Cedric Benson

DEFENSIVE MVP
CB Leon Hall

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
SLB Rey Maualuga

POSITION BATTLE
OLG: Evan Mathis vs. Nate Livings

C. BENSON

L. HALL

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B-	B-	B-	C+	B-	B	A-	C

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at New England	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Miami	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Pittsburgh	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	at New York Jets	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 5	New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	San Diego	8:20 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Cincinnati

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Denver	(-4.5)	7-12
Sept. 20	At Green Bay	(+8)	31-24
Sept. 27	Pittsburgh	(+3.5)	23-20
Oct. 4	At Cleveland	(-6.5)	23-20*
Oct. 11	At Baltimore	(+9)	17-14
Oct. 18	Houston	(-4)	17-28
Oct. 25	Chicago	(+2)	45-10
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 8	Baltimore	(+3)	17-7
Nov. 15	At Pittsburgh	(+7)	18-12
Nov. 22	At Oakland	(-8.5)	17-20
Nov. 29	Cleveland	(-13)	16-7
Dec. 6	Detroit	(-13.5)	23-13
Dec. 13	At Minnesota	(+6)	10-30
Dec. 20	At San Diego	(+7)	24-27
Dec. 27	Kansas City	(-13.5)	17-10
Jan. 3	At New York Jets	(+10)	0-37
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 9	New York Jets	(-2.5)	14-24

* Overtime

to complement Chad Ochocinco in the offseason, better equipping them to spread the field. The Bengals are heavily invested in Palmer and don't have anyone waiting in the wings to replace him for the long term, so they are banking on him being a capable starter for the foreseeable future. J.T. O'Sullivan is the primary backup to Palmer. He's a hot-and-cold gunslinger who turns the ball over too often. No. 3 QB Jordan Palmer has had similar turnover problems.

RUNNING BACKS

The Bengals' run-heavy approach on offense would not have worked if Cedric Benson didn't play better than he ever had. Benson set career-highs for carries (301) and yards (1,251) and also racked up a career-best 4.2 yards per carry. Benson runs powerfully and is fit enough to handle 20 carries or more per game on a consistent basis. He takes care of the ball, fumbling just once last season. He doesn't have exceptional long speed, but he has a decent burst and has enough quickness and strength to be tough to bring down once he gets to the second level. Durability is a slight concern with Benson; he missed a pair of games last season, and he will be heavily worked again in 2010. However, he doesn't turn 28 until December, and he carried more than 200 times only once in his first four NFL seasons. Bernard Scott will be the Bengals' top backup. He is quick, and he developed nicely last season. Third-down back Brian Leonard is a very good pass catcher; he's not fast, but he has good awareness and has a knack for getting enough yards to move the chains when it appears he is going to be stopped. Second-year pro Fui Vakapuna is likely to step in at fullback, and TE Daniel Coats also can be a blocking back. Neither player is going to touch the ball very often.

RECEIVERS

WR Chad Ochocinco is overrated and underrated at the same time; he's not as good as he thinks he is, but he is still a very good receiver who probably doesn't get enough credit for racking up seven seasons of more than 1,000 yards receiving in nine years in the NFL. Ochocinco has very good speed, and he is a tough matchup for many cornerbacks. However, he can be taken out of his game by tight coverage and physical play, and he always has struggled to keep his emotions in check. That said, he works hard at his craft and loves the game. Ex-Buccaneers WR Antonio Bryant played like a go-to receiver two seasons ago but was hampered by a knee injury in '09, and Tampa Bay, though lacking other wide receivers with his skills and résumé, was happy to allow him to depart in free agency. At his best, Bryant is a physical receiver who can create after the catch and stretch the field vertically. The obvious question is whether he can fit in with the Bengals after four previous teams decided to let him go. Rookie Jordan Shipley could contribute immediately as a slot receiver. He is quick but slightly built. Andre Caldwell is primarily a short-and-intermediate target in this offense. He does not get much separation but has Palmer's trust and is a reliable role player. Ex-Jaguars WR Matt Jones will compete for a roster spot. He was an effective possession receiver for the Jaguars before off-the-field problems sidetracked his career. He provides a big target but is not fast. Small but quick Quan Cosby adds value as a returner. Jerome Simpson, a 2008 second-round pick, has disappointed to date and could struggle to make the roster. Rookie wideout Dezmon Briscoe is a big possession receiver who gets little separation. Rookie TE Jermaine Gresham should start immediately and could quickly become a key part of the offense. He has seam-stretching speed and brings a new dimension to the Bengals' attack. Daniel Coats is a good blocking tight end but drops too many passes. Chase Coffman's rookie season was a redshirt year because of a foot injury. He was a big-time pass-catching threat at Missouri but needs to be a solid blocker to thrive in this system.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is a rugged, well-coached group. OLT Andrew Whitworth is a very good run blocker who isn't as strong in pass protection, but he is smart and reliable, and he fits the scheme quite well. The Bengals got solid performances from Evan Mathis and Nate Livings at left guard, with Livings starting nine games and Mathis starting seven games. Both are solid run blockers. C Kyle Cook played fairly well in his first season as a starter. He has good size for the position and was an upgrade over his predecessor, Eric Ghiaciuc. Powerful ORG Bobbie Williams continues to be an asset in the run game. Andre Smith is likely to take over at right tackle after something of a redshirt year as a rookie, when he held out until just before the start of the season, then suffered a broken foot that limited his progress. Smith has significant upside for the position; athletic and strong, he was an exceptional collegiate left tackle. If he quickly matures, he could be tremendous. Anthony Collins and Dennis Roland are the top reserve tackles. Collins has flashed potential at points of his career, but Roland surpassed him last season. Roland can struggle somewhat in pass protection; he allowed six sacks last season. Rookies Otis Hudson and

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	DEN.	@G.B.	PITT.	@CLEV.	@BALT.	HOU.	CHI.	BALT.	@PITT.	@OAK.	CLEV.	DET.	@MINN.	@S.D.	K.C.	@N.Y.J.	
Score	7-12	31-24	23-20	23-20	17-14	17-28	45-10	17-7	18-12	17-20	16-7	23-13	10-30	24-27	17-10	0-37	
Total net yards	307	319	273	375	403	296	448	369	218	348	306	321	210	407	274	72	4946
Rushing yards	86	151	100	154	142	46	215	146	61	177	210	119	119	114	144	72	2056
Passing yards	221	168	173	221	261	250	233	223	157	171	96	202	91	293	130	0	2890
Rushing plays	27	34	19	30	34	17	45	39	29	43	45	44	24	21	36	18	505
Sacks allowed	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	29
Had intercepted	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	13
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	12
Yards penalized	27	100	30	46	39	45	20	40	87	59	75	75	85	55	36	44	863
Punts	7	4	5	9	4	7	1	5	4	4	6	4	7	5	7	7	86

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	26:33	26:12	34:42	31:10	25:41	36:15	23:38	20:00	30:52	21:36	21:49	21:12	32:15	28:14	26:08	41:14	27:58
Total net yards	302	311	373	395	257	472	279	215	226	275	169	245	322	366	295	320	4822
Rushing yards	75	89	102	146	82	87	35	55	80	92	58	80	142	70	123	257	1573
Passing yards	227	222	271	249	175	385	244	160	146	183	111	165	180	296	172	63	3249
Rushing plays	20	18	28	33	18	31	12	17	18	24	18	20	37	20	28	57	399
Sacks allowed	3	6	1	2	2	2	1	4	4	0	1	3	2	2	1	0	34
Had intercepted	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	19
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Yards penalized	39	76	51	44	76	60	44	80	50	13	30	45	69	30	40	20	767
Punts	8	6	2	9	6	5	3	5	5	4	8	6	3	4	6	3	83

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Benson	21-76-1	29-141-0	16-76-1	18-74-0	27-120-1	16-44-1	37-189-1	34-117-1	7-22-0			36-110-0	16-96-0	15-53-0	29-133-0		301-1251-6
L. Johnson										2-5-0	22-107-0	2-4-0	3-4-0	4-35-0	4-11-0	9-38-0	46-204-0
Leonard	2-6-0			1-4-0	1-1-0			3-11-0	4-8-0	13-36-0	1-1-0		1-9-0			1-8-0	27-84-0
Ochocinco	1-8-0													1-26-0	1-(-2)-0		3-32-0
C. Palmer	1-2-0	2-1-1	1-1-0	3-20-0	5-18-0	1-2-0		1-10-0	5-(-2)-0	4-7-2	4-15-0	5-7-0	4-10-0	1-0-0	2-2-0		39-93-3
Scott	1-(-6)-0	2-7-0		6-41-0	1-3-0		6-17-0		13-33-0	21-119-0	18-87-0					6-20-0	74-321-0

PASSING **

O'Sullivan													1-3-0 9-0			3-8-0 31-0	4-11-0 40-0
C. Palmer	21-33-2 247-0	15-23-2 185-3	20-37-0 183-1	23-44-1 230-2	18-31-1 271-1	23-35-1 259-1	20-24-0 233-5	20-33-0 224-1	18-30-0 178-0	14-22-1 207-0	13-24-0 110-1	17-29-2 220-1	15-25-0 94-1	27-40-1 314-2	17-25-1 139-2	1-11-1 0-0	282-466-13 3094-21

RECEIVING

Benson	4-32-0		1-5-0	1-12-0	2-16-0	2-1-0						2-15-0	1-4-0	2-19-0	2-7-0		17-111-0
Caldwell	6-54-0	2-16-0	6-52-1	2-26-0	2-33-1	6-57-0	2-19-0	3-15-1	4-23-0	3-35-0	3-33-0		4-25-0	5-22-0	3-22-0		51-432-3
Coats	1-16-0	2-26-0	1-8-0	4-36-0		4-32-0							2-13-0		1-7-0	1-12-0	16-150-0
Coles	1-11-0	2-9-1	5-34-0	2-24-0		4-40-1	2-37-1	6-72-0	5-67-0	2-61-0	2-24-0	2-25-0		4-48-1	3-43-1	3-19-0	43-514-5
Cosby														3-47-0	1-8-0		4-55-0
Foschi	1-3-0	1-12-0		3-44-0	1-6-0	1-6-0	1-3-1	2-32-0	3-14-0	2-12-0	2-11-1	1-16-0	2-19-0	7-82-0			27-260-2
Henry	1-18-0	1-5-1	1-19-0	2-36-0	3-92-0	1-20-0	2-26-1	1-20-0									12-236-2
Leonard	2-24-0	2-17-0	1-11-0	6-28-0	3-30-0			3-19-0	3-24-0		1-6-0	2-25-0	3-9-0	2-12-0	2-12-0		30-217-0
Ochocinco	5-89-0	4-91-1	5-54-0	3-24-2	7-94-0	5-103-0	10-118-2	5-56-0	2-29-0	4-67-0	3-38-0	9-137-1	3-27-1	3-79-1	4-31-1		72-1047-9
Scott							1-14-0		1-21-0	3-32-0							5-67-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

Reggie Stephens are developmental guard prospects.

DEFENSE

Only three teams allowed fewer yards per game last season than the Bengals, who have taken well to Mike Zimmer's scheme. The Bengals employ a 4-3 front and have the cornerbacks in Leon Hall and Johnathan Joseph to take calculated risks if they decide to dial up the pressure.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Before suffering a season-ending Achilles tendon tear in October, DRE Antwan Odom was playing better than he ever had. Odom was bigger than before but maintained his speed and quickness and showed an ability to close the deal when he got near the quarterback. When Odom left the lineup, Jonathan Fanene stepped in and played well. He's strong vs. the run and was a better pass rusher than expected. Fanene also can play tackle. DLE Robert Geathers is solid but unspectacular and is not the rush threat Odom is.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Jermaine Gresham	TE	Oklahoma	21
2	Carlos Dunlap	DE	Florida	54
3	Jordan Shipley	WR	Texas	84
3	Brandon Ghee	CB	Wake Forest	96
4	Geno Atkins	DT	Georgia	120
4	Roddrick Muckelroy	OLB	Texas	131
5	Otis Hudson	OG	Eastern Illinois	152
6	Dezmon Briscoe	WR	Kansas	191
7	Reggie Stephens	OG	Iowa State	228

J. GRESHAM

Rookie DE Carlos Dunlap has boom-or-bust potential. He has outstanding size but must improve his work ethic and focus. Second-year pro Michael Johnson has excellent athletic ability and could develop into a solid pass rusher at end. Frostee Rucker has the strength to play end and tackle and can play both positions adequately. DT Domata Peko is quick and strong, a very good run stuffer. Ex-Cowboy Tank Johnson fits well in Mike Zimmer's scheme and quietly had a solid first season in Cincinnati. Pat Sims is the top tackle off the bench. He has starter's potential but must be more consistent and needs to take a step forward in his third NFL season. Undersized rookie DT Geno Atkins has upside as an interior pass rusher. Orien Harris provides further depth inside.

LINEBACKERS

This is a group with quite a bit of potential. SLB Rey Maualuga could take a big step forward in his second NFL season. He's physical and can be a tone setter for a defense, but he must play under more control. He's susceptible to running himself out of position. The major concern with Maualuga? He has a history of off-the-field problems. WLB Keith Rivers moves exceptionally well and is solid vs. the run, but he must improve in pass coverage. As a first-round pick in 2008, more is expected of Rivers this season. MLB Dhani Jones is instinctive and a solid leader of the defense, but he's getting up in age, and Maualuga eventually could replace him in the middle. The Bengals' fourth linebacker, Brandon Johnson, is a key part of the Bengals' "sub" packages and has improved significantly since joining Cincinnati. Rashad Jeanty, Roddrick Muckelroy, Abdul Hodge and Dan Skuta are other options off the bench. Jeanty was the starter on the strong side before Maualuga took the job. Hodge is one of the Bengals' best special-teams players, and Muckelroy and Skuta also figure to contribute on the coverage teams.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Bengals have one of the NFL's best CB tandems in Leon Hall and Johnathan Joseph. Hall is quick, instinctive and smart and has no glaring flaws in his game. He's strong in run support, too. Joseph comes off his finest season. He's capable of shutting down top competition and has very good ball skills. He has gotten more physical as his career has progressed, and his

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	85 OCHOCINCO	87 Caldwell	18 M. Jones
OLT	77 WHITWORTH	73 Collins	
OLG	62 LIVINGS	66 Mathis	60 Hudson*
C	64 COOK	50 Luigs	65 Santucci
ORG	63 B. WILLIAMS	70 Shirley	61 Stephens*
ORT	71 AND. SMITH	74 Roland	
TE	84 GRESHAM*	86 Coats	80 Coffman
WR	81 BRYANT	11 Shipley*	12 Cosby
QB	9 C. PALMER	4 O'Sullivan	5 J. Palmer
RB	32 BENSON	28 Scott	40 Leonard
FB	37 VAKAPUNA	86 Coats	
DEFENSE			
DLE	91 GEATHERS	92 Rucker	96 Dunlap*
DLT	94 PEKO	68 Fanene	97 Atkins*
DRT	99 T. JOHNSON	90 Sims	95 O. Harris
DRE	98 ODOM	68 Fanene	93 M. Johnson
SLB	58 MAUALUGA	53 Jeanty	56 Muckelroy*
MLB	57 DH. JONES	52 Hodge	51 Skuta
WLB	55 RIVERS	59 B. Johnson	
LCB	22 JOSEPH	20 Da. Jones	21 Ghee*
RCB	29 HALL	25 Trent	26 Ratliff
SS	31 R. WILLIAMS	41 Ndukwe	34 Hebert
FS	42 CROCKER	43 Nelson	
SPECIALISTS			
P	10 HUBER		
PK	3 RAYNER	2 Nugent	
H	10 HUBER		
PR	12 COSBY	29 Hall	43 Nelson
KR	28 SCOTT	87 Caldwell	12 Cosby
LS	46 C. HARRIS	48 Windt*	

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Paul Alexander, *asst. head coach/offensive line*; Jim Anderson, *running backs*; Bob Bratkowski, *offensive coordinator*; Kyle Caskey, *offensive quality control*; Louie Cioffi, *asst. defensive backs*; Kevin Coyle, *defensive backs*; Jeff FitzGerald, *linebackers*; Jeff Friday, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Paul Guenther, *asst. special teams/asst. linebackers*; Jay Hayes, *defensive line*; Jonathan Hayes, *tight ends*; Marvin Lewis, *head coach*; Chip Morton, *strength and conditioning*; Mike Sheppard, *wide receivers*; Darrin Simmons, *special teams*; Ken Zampese, *quarterbacks*; Mike Zimmer, *defensive coordinator*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
67	Alem, Rahim	DE	6-3	251	R	LSU	
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	293	R	Georgia	
32	Benson, Cedric	RB	5-11	225	6	Texas	13/13
88	Briscoe, Dezmon	WR	6-2	207	R	Kansas	
19	Brown, Freddie	WR	6-4	198	1	Utah	0/0
81	Bryant, Antonio	WR	6-1	205	8	Pittsburgh	13/11
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	200	3	Florida	16/3
86	Coats, Daniel	TE	6-3	264	4	Brigham Young	16/11
80	Coffman, Chase	TE	6-6	257	2	Missouri	0/0
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	3	Kansas	14/7
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	312	3	Michigan State	16/16
12	Cosby, Quan	WR	5-9	196	2	Texas	16/0
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	200	8	Marshall	13/13
16	Davis, Chris	WR	5-10	181	3	Florida State	0/0
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	277	R	Florida	
36	Eason, Cordera	RB	6-0	226	R	Mississippi	
39	Evans, Bryan	S	5-11	193	R	Georgia	
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE-DT	6-4	292	6	Utah	16/10
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	7	Georgia	15/15
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	192	R	Wake Forest	
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	261	R	Oklahoma	
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	199	4	Michigan	16/16
46	Harris, Clark	LS-TE	6-5	257	2	Rutgers	11/0
95	Harris, Orien	DT	6-3	300	3	Miami (Fla.)	4/0
34	Hebert, Kyries	S	6-3	220	3	Louisiana-Lafayette	15/0
49	Hill, Darius	TE	6-7	245	1	Ball State	1/0
52	Hodge, Abdul	LB	6-0	240	5	Iowa	16/0
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	2	Cincinnati	16/0
60	Hudson, Otis	OG	6-5	320	R	Eastern Illinois	
53	Jeanty, Rashad	LB	6-2	247	5	Central Florida	15/1
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	243	5	Louisville	16/3
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	260	2	Georgia Tech	16/0
99	Johnson, Tank	DT	6-3	305	7	Washington	14/13
20	Jones, David	CB	6-0	196	4	Wingate (N.C.)	12/0
57	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	240	11	Michigan	16/16
18	Jones, Matt	WR	6-6	218	5	Arkansas	0/0
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	193	5	South Carolina	16/16
40	Leonard, Brian	RB	6-1	230	4	Rutgers	14/1
62	Livings, Nate	OG	6-5	330	3	LSU	14/9
50	Luigs, Jonathan	C	6-4	315	2	Arkansas	8/0
72	Manns, Gabriel	OT	6-6	323	R	North Carolina Central	
66	Mathis, Evan	OG	6-5	295	6	Alabama	13/7
58	Maualuga, Rey	LB	6-2	255	2	USC	15/15
69	McDonald, Clinton	DT	6-2	290	1	Memphis	0/0
45	Miles, Jeromy	S	6-2	210	R	Massachusetts	
76	Mitchell, Andrew	OT	6-5	308	R	Oklahoma State	
56	Muckelroy, Roddrick	LB	6-2	246	R	Texas	
44	Murray, Rico	S	5-11	202	1	Kent State	4/0
41	Ndukwe, Chinedum	S	6-2	224	4	Notre Dame	16/12
43	Nelson, Tom	S	5-11	203	2	Illinois State	12/3
2	Nugent, Mike	PK	5-10	190	6	Ohio State	6/0
4	O'Sullivan, J.T.	QB	6-2	230	8	UC Davis	3/0
85	Ochocinco, Chad	WR	6-1	192	10	Oregon State	16/15
98	Odom, Antwan	DE	6-5	280	7	Alabama	6/6
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	235	8	USC	16/16
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	235	3	UTEP	0/0
30	Peerman, Cedric	RB	5-9	210	1	Virginia	2/0
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	318	5	Michigan State	11/11
14	Purify, Maurice	WR	6-3	226	1	Nebraska	5/0
26	Ratliff, Keiwan	CB	5-11	188	7	Florida	0/0
3	Rayner, Dave	PK	6-2	210	4	Michigan State	0/0
54	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	240	R	Duke	
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	240	3	USC	13/13
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	325	3	Georgia	16/12
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	285	5	USC	12/1
65	Santucci, Dan	C	6-4	304	4	Notre Dame	0/0
28	Scott, Bernard	RB	5-10	200	2	Abilene Christian	13/2
11	Shipley, Jordan	WR	6-0	193	R	Texas	
70	Shirley, Jason	OG	6-5	338	2	Fresno State	0/0
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	195	3	Coastal Carolina	2/0
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	325	3	Auburn	16/8
51	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	251	2	Grand Valley State	8/0
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	335	2	Alabama	6/1
24	Smith, Antonio	CB	5-9	190	2	Ohio State	0/0
61	Stephens, Reggie	OG-C	6-3	314	R	Iowa State	
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	195	2	Michigan	16/0
38	Tronzo, Joe	FB	5-11	242	R	Louisville	
37	Vakapuna, Fui	FB	6-0	260	2	Brigham Young	0/0
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	5	LSU	16/16
63	Williams, Bobbie	OG	6-4	345	11	Arkansas	16/16
31	Williams, Roy	S	6-0	222	9	Oklahoma	4/4
27	Willingham, DeAngelo	S	6-0	200	1	Tennessee	0/0
48	Windt, Mike	LS	6-1	251	R	Cincinnati	

study habits have improved. Morgan Trent, rookie Brandon Ghee, David Jones and Keiwan Ratliff provide depth at corner. Trent has good size and speed and progressed well as a rookie. Ghee is very athletic but raw and lacks ball skills. However, he has some upside, and the Bengals can be patient with him. FS Chris Crocker is athletic enough to be the club's nickel back when asked and is also a thumper vs. the run; his versatility is an asset. Ex-Cowboy Roy Wiliams is likely to be the starter at strong safety; forearm injuries have ended his last two seasons early. He's strong vs. the run but is a liability against the pass. The backup strong safety, Chinedum Ndukwe, has good instincts but hasn't quite fit into Zimmer's system. Tom Nelson, who got valuable experience as a rookie but struggled when pressed into service late in the season, is another reserve option at safety, as is Kyries Hebert.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Bengals could have a new placekicker. At presstime, Shayne Graham was unsigned, and the Bengals may elect to go with journeyman Dave Rayner, who has a strong leg on kickoffs but has struggled with his accuracy when pressed into service full-time on field goals in the past; or Mike Nugent, who hit just 4-of-8 field goals last season. P Kevin Huber (36.3-yard net average in 2009) fared very well for a rookie punter and should improve on that performance in his second year in the league. PR Quan Cosby and KR Bernard Scott are both capable of breaking long returns.

SUMMARY

To repeat as AFC North champions, the Bengals will have to play as well as they did on defense in 2009 and improve on offense — and even that might not be enough in this rugged division. This is a physical, tough-minded team, and another 10-win season certainly isn't out of the realm of possibility, but it is difficult to see them beating out both the Steelers and Ravens yet again if all three teams play to their capabilities.

4 CLEVELAND Browns

2010 PREDICTION: 5-11 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 5-11 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

E. MANGINI

HEAD COACH: Eric Mangini
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Brian Daboll
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Rob Ryan
OWNER: Randy Lerner
STADIUM: Cleveland Browns Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 73,200
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.clevelandbrowns.com

In the past two years, the Browns have had two head coaches and three new sets of primary decision makers on Draft Day and in free agency. This latter point is particularly important as the Browns undergo another overhaul of the roster.

Gone are many of the players GM Phil Savage brought in, including QBs Derek Anderson and Brady Quinn, TE Kellen Winslow and WR Braylon Edwards. New team president Mike Holmgren and GM Tom Heckert completely shook up the depth chart at quarterback, bringing in Jake Delhomme and Seneca Wallace to replace Quinn and Anderson. Holmgren's fingerprints will be all over the offense, which lacked direction until late last season.

The defense also has plenty of new faces, but head coach Eric Mangini — who saved his job with a four-game winning streak to end last season and by winning over Holmgren — continues to have a strong influence on that side of the ball.

Owner Randy Lerner has never been afraid to spend big-league money in an attempt to field a winning team, but the Browns have rarely been winners in his tenure, and too often they have been laughingstocks. He has entrusted Holmgren, Heckert and Mangini to engineer a turnaround; if nothing else, they certainly did not stand pat this offseason. The focus now turns to the QB position, where Delhomme will be aiming to turn around his career and jump-start a flagging passing offense.

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OFFENSE

Team president Mike Holmgren is expected to have a major influence on the offense. Gil Haskell, an offensive assistant under Holmgren in Green Bay and Seattle, was hired to consult with offensive coordinator Brian Daboll. The Browns' offense didn't hit its stride until late last season when it all but scrapped the passing game and pounded away with the running game, but more balance is needed, as is a clear, guiding philosophy. The Browns were downright aimless on offense for much of the '09 campaign.

QUARTERBACKS

The Browns have started over at this key position. Neither Brady Quinn nor Derek Anderson played well last season, and by March, they were both gone. Ex-Panthers QB Jake Delhomme is likely to be the starter this season. Delhomme doesn't have pinpoint accuracy, but he is an improvement over Quinn and Anderson in that regard. Delhomme struggled through his worst-ever season in 2009, throwing 18 interceptions in 11 starts and completing a mere 55.5 percent of his passes. He admittedly carried the failure of a five-interception game vs. Arizona in the '08 playoffs into the next season, and a change of scenery could serve him well. Delhomme has decent arm strength, but in this offense — and with a relatively inexperienced WR corps

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

CB Sheldon Brown, QB Jake Delhomme, LB Scott Fujita, LB Chris Gocong, FB Peyton Hillis, OT Tony Pashos, TE Benjamin Watson, QB Seneca Wallace.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

QB Derek Anderson, C Hank Fraley, RB Jamal Lewis, QB Brady Quinn, WR Donté Stallworth, OLB Kamerion Wimbley.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP OLT Joe Thomas

DEFENSIVE MVP ILB D'Qwell Jackson

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER RB Jerome Harrison

POSITION BATTLE CB: Joe Haden vs. Eric Wright

J. THOMAS

D. JACKSON

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C-	C-	D	B	C	B-	C-	A

at his disposal — being on target with his short and intermediate passes will be vital. So will his leadership. Ex-Seahawks QB Seneca Wallace figures to be the backup; if Delhomme falters, he would be the most logical replacement. He has good arm strength and very good mobility, and he is familiar with Holmgren's offense. Colt McCoy will be the No. 3 quarterback. An exceptionally productive collegiate passer, McCoy lacks size and arm strength but is very intelligent and instinctive and has good athleticism. He gets a season to sit and learn behind the veterans before perhaps vying for a bigger role in 2011.

RUNNING BACKS

The Browns don't have a star at tailback, and their depth is untested. They released RB Jamal Lewis in the offseason and could give restricted free agent Jerome Harrison a chance to be the full-time starter. Harrison finished the season strongly, racking up a franchise-record 286 rushing yards in a win at Kansas City and following that with 148- and 127-yard efforts to close out the campaign. The 5-9, 205-pound Harrison has good quickness, though not exceptional speed. He's been labeled a change-of-pace back throughout his career, but he has produced when given a chance, and he handled a heavy workload in his senior season at Washington State, carrying 308 times. The Browns traded up for rookie Montario Hardesty, who could emerge as the physical complement to Harrison. Hardesty is a strong inside runner who lacks breakaway speed and struggled to stay healthy at Tennessee. However, he had a strong senior season. Second-year RB James Davis, who missed most of last season with a shoulder injury, will also compete for playing time, as will former CFL back Chris Jennings. Davis, who impressed throughout last summer, has a chance to be a contributor. He's a tough, athletic runner. Jennings has good size for the position. The Browns are deep at fullback, with RFA Lawrence Vickers and Peyton Hillis, acquired from the Broncos in the Brady Quinn trade, being capable starters. Hillis' role in the Denver offense waned last season, but he can carry the ball in a pinch and also can catch the ball out of the backfield. Vickers, a fine blocker, played well down the stretch.

RECEIVERS

While it's easy to blame Brady Quinn and Derek Anderson for the offense's woes last season, the Browns also didn't get much production from their wide receivers and tight ends. Second-year wideout Mohamed Massaquoi was the club's top big-play threat in the passing game last season. Massaquoi has good playing speed and body control and can create after the catch. However, he is far from a finished product, and he struggled to hold on to the ball last season. Brian Robiskie is strong and athletic, but he caught just seven passes last season and failed to win a regular role like Massaquoi. He needs to show more this season. Ex-Jets WR Chansi Stuckey, acquired in the Braylon Edwards trade, has some speed and quickness and could be a bigger factor in a new offense with better QB play. Josh Cribbs also will see playing time at receiver but is a work in progress as a pass catcher. He is best when he can create in space. Rookie Carlton Mitchell has outstanding length, but he drops too many passes and lacks separation ability. The Browns upgraded their talent at tight end with the signing of Ben Watson, a solid blocker with above-average speed. He never reached stardom in New England after flashing impressive potential at times but represents a tremendous upgrade for Cleveland. Evan Moore, who showed an ability to get open when added to the active roster in December, also will be in the mix for playing time, as will Robert Royal, a solid blocker but not much of a pass catcher, and 6-foot-8 Greg Estandia.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This group is the strength of the offense. Joe Thomas is one of the NFL's elite left tackles. He does everything well, and he is exceptionally consistent. He is an outstanding run blocker, and he's very difficult to beat in pass protection. He could be a perennial Pro Bowler. OLG Eric Steinbach has above-average athleticism and thrives when he can get out to the second level. C Alex Mack had a fine rookie season. He has the size, strength and athleticism to be a very good pivot for many years to come. ORG Floyd Womack has good size for the position and can play right tackle if needed. However, ex-49ers OT Tony Pashos is the likely starter on the right side this season. Pashos is strong and tough and will be an asset in the running game but struggles in pass protection. John St. Clair, who started 14 games a season ago but is probably best-suited as a swing tackle off the bench, is likely to be a reserve. Pass blocking is not his strength. Rookie Shawn Lauvao plays with good effort and balance and can play guard and tackle. However, he has short arms and lacks athleticism. Billy Yates will compete for a reserve role at guard, while veteran Scott Kooistra adds further depth at guard and tackle.

DEFENSE

The Browns were 31st in yards allowed, 29th in rush defense and 28th in pass defense a season ago. However, they racked up 40 sacks, third most in the AFC, and their play picked up down the

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	New England	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Cleveland

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Minnesota	(+4.5)	20-34
Sept. 20	At Denver	(+3)	6-27
Sept. 27	At Baltimore	(+13.5)	3-34
Oct. 4	Cincinnati	(+6.5)	20-23*
Oct. 11	At Buffalo	(+6)	6-3
Oct. 18	At Pittsburgh	(+14)	14-27
Oct. 25	Green Bay	(+9)	3-31
Nov. 1	At Chicago	(+12)	6-30
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 16	Baltimore	(+11)	0-16
Nov. 22	At Detroit	(+3)	37-38
Nov. 29	At Cincinnati	(+13)	7-16
Dec. 6	San Diego	(+13.5)	23-30
Dec. 10	Pittsburgh	(+10)	13-6
Dec. 20	At Kansas City	(+2.5)	41-34
Dec. 27	Oakland	(-3)	23-9
Jan. 3	Jacksonville	(-2)	23-17

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**MINN.**	**@DEN.**	**@BALT.**	**CIN.**	**@BUFF.**	**@PITT.**	**G.B.**	**@CHI.**	**BALT.**	**@DET.**	**@CIN.**	**S.D.**	**PITT.**	**@K.C.**	**OAK.**	**JAX.**	
Score	20-34	6-27	3-34	20-23	6-3	14-27	3-31	6-30	0-16	37-38	7-16	23-30	13-6	41-34	23-9	23-17	
Total net yards	268	200	186	395	193	197	139	191	160	439	169	372	255	417	282	300	4163
Rushing yards	89	54	71	146	171	91	58	117	86	131	58	115	171	351	164	214	2087
Passing yards	179	146	115	249	22	106	81	74	74	308	111	257	84	66	118	86	2076
Rushing plays	20	21	23	33	41	23	21	29	26	40	18	22	37	49	46	49	498
Sacks allowed	5	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	30
Had intercepted	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	18
Fumbles lost	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	13
Yards penalized	66	43	46	44	29	45	40	30	52	69	30	30	55	20	64	15	678
Punts	5	6	5	9	9	5	4	6	9	6	8	3	8	2	6	3	94

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	33:22	32:44	31:18	28:50	31:34	36:46	35:54	37:25	31:32	25:14	38:11	29:23	30:45	25:35	29:38	27:02	31:35
Total net yards	310	449	479	375	288	543	460	369	274	473	306	477	218	491	389	328	6229
Rushing yards	225	186	142	154	145	140	202	170	128	57	210	91	77	168	88	131	2314
Passing yards	85	263	337	221	143	403	258	199	146	416	96	386	141	323	301	197	3915
Rushing plays	37	37	28	30	35	36	41	37	37	16	45	32	22	30	19	24	506
Sacks allowed	4	0	1	2	2	3	0	4	2	2	3	1	8	1	4	3	40
Had intercepted	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	10
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
Yards penalized	38	50	84	46	75	30	70	35	43	41	75	5	40	34	126	20	812
Punts	6	2	4	9	7	2	2	5	7	3	6	1	8	6	5	4	77

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Cribbs	3-6-0	1-4-0		1-15-0	1-31-0	6-45-0	1-1-0	6-28-0	6-34-0	4-16-0	1-0-0	4-38-0	8-87-0	3-8-0	4-21-0	6-47-1	55-381-1
J. Harrison		3-8-0	16-52-0	29-121-0	8-21-0	5-26-0	3-7-0	5-19-0			2-3-0	10-35-0	7-9-0	34-286-3	39-148-1	33-127-1	194-862-5
Jennings				1-8-0					7-18-0	10-36-0	2-5-0	5-28-0	20-73-1	7-18-0	2-(-4)-0	9-38-0	63-220-1
J. Lewis	11-57-0	14-38-0			31-117-0	11-21-0	15-47-0	16-69-0	10-36-0	24-75-0	11-40-0						143-500-0

PASSING **

Anderson			11-19-3 92-0	26-48-1 269-1	2-17-1 23-0	9-24-1 122-1	12-29-1 99-0	6-17-2 76-0							8-17-0 121-1	7-11-1 86-0	81-182-10 888-3
Quinn	21-35-1 205-1	18-31-1 161-0	6-8-1 34-0					1-3-0 9-0	13-31-2 99-0	21-33-0 304-4	15-34-0 100-0	25-45-0 271-3	6-19-0 90-0	10-17-2 66-0			136-256-7 1339-8

RECEIVING

Cribbs	2-10-0	5-22-0	1-2-0	1-5-0			1-(-1)-0	1-23-0	1-10-0	2-39-1	3-7-0	1-6-0	1-9-0	1-3-0			20-135-1
Edwards	1-12-0	6-92-0	3-35-0														10-139-0
Furrey	4-28-0	1-2-0	4-40-0	4-37-0			1-5-0	1-9-0	6-30-0	1-10-0	1-9-0						23-170-0
J. Harrison		4-24-0	5-33-0	5-31-0			4-23-0				3-5-0	7-62-2	2-10-0	2-12-0		2-20-0	34-220-2
Heiden	2-14-0			5-33-1	1-7-0			1-10-0	1-9-0								10-73-1
Jennings				1-2-0					1-10-0	5-38-0	1-4-0	1-2-0					9-56-0
J. Lewis	3-47-0	1-8-0				2-15-0			1-5-0	1-13-0							8-88-0
Massaquoi	1-18-0		1-13-0	8-148-0	1-16-0	5-83-0	1-22-0	2-28-0	1-30-0	5-115-1	1-12-0	2-24-1	1-37-0	1-3-0	3-61-1	1-14-0	34-624-3
Moore												6-80-0	2-34-0	1-7-0	1-19-0	2-18-0	12-158-0
Robiskie						1-23-0						4-69-0			2-14-0		7-106-0
Royal	4-60-1	1-13-0	1-7-0	2-13-0					1-7-0							2-34-0	11-134-1
Stuckey								1-11-0		5-76-1	4-44-0	3-23-0		5-41-0	1-3-0		19-198-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

stretch. The Browns employ a 3-4 scheme, and defensive coordinator Rob Ryan isn't afraid to change looks and dial up the pressure.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

NT Shaun Rogers is the Browns' most talented defensive lineman, but he could face NFL discipline after being arrested on a concealed-weapon charge in April. Also, it's unclear whether the incident will affect his future with Cleveland. Rogers can be dominant at times; he's quick, strong and powerful. He eventually could move to defensive end if the Browns want to get the improving Ahtyba Rubin in the lineup at nose tackle. Rubin impressed when playing in place of the injured Rogers last season; at the least, he has earned more playing time. The massive Rubin has ideal size for a nose. Robaire Smith and Kenyon Coleman again could be the starting defensive ends. Smith is solid vs. the run and notched 62 tackles in 2009, his most since '05. Coleman has good strength and has plenty of experience in the 3-4. C.J. Mosley provides depth, as does Brian Schaefering, who was pressed into service late last season and fared well. Rookie DE Clifton Geathers, who has rare size and arm length but plays too tall, is a developmental prospect.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Joe Haden	CB	Florida	7
2	T.J. Ward	FS	Oregon	38
2	Montario Hardesty	RB	Tennessee	59
3	Colt McCoy	QB	Texas	85
3	Shawn Lauvao	OG	Arizona State	92
5	Larry Asante	SS	Nebraska	160
6	Carlton Mitchell	WR	South Florida	177
6	Clifton Geathers	DE	South Carolina	186

J. HADEN

LINEBACKERS

The Browns have transformed this position since Eric Mangini and Rob Ryan arrived, emphasizing greater size, physicality and versatility at both inside and outside linebacker. However, one of their smallest linebackers may be their best. RFA ILB D'Qwell Jackson is quick and instinctive and racked up 54 tackles in only six games before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury. Scott Fujita, who played outside linebacker in the Saints' 4-3 scheme, could move inside with Cleveland; he's smart, athletic and tough, and he adds leadership to the defense. Instinctive Eric Barton started the first eight games last season at inside linebacker before suffering a season-ending injury, and he's still in the mix for playing time. Speedy Kaluka Maiava adds value as a pass defender. David Veikune, a 2009 second-round pick, also will compete for playing time inside, but he struggled as a rookie. The Browns have good depth at outside linebacker, as well. RFA Matt Roth, claimed off waivers from Miami last season, made an immediate impact as a pass rusher. The Browns also figure to try Chris Gocong, acquired from the Eagles in April, at outside linebacker. Gocong was benched last season, and a change in scenery could be just what he needs. He has flashed pass-rush ability in the past. Jason Trusnik, acquired from the Jets in the Braylon Edwards trade, can play outside and inside linebacker and fits well in Ryan's defense. Marcus Benard emerged late last season and flashed intriguing pass-rush ability. He will push for more playing time at outside 'backer.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Browns could have three new starters in the secondary. Rookie CB Joe Haden, their first-round pick, has the athleticism, explosiveness, ball skills and confidence to make an impact from Day One. Though he didn't time well in the 40 at the Combine, he plays fast. Ex-Eagle Sheldon Brown is likely to start at one of the corner spots. He doesn't have great speed and can struggle against double moves, but he has been a solid starter and will help this secondary. Eric Wright has flashed intriguing potential early in his career

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**16**	**CRIBBS**	80 Robiskie	88 Stuckey
OLT	**73**	**THOMAS**	78 St. Clair	Kooistra
OLG	**65**	**STEINBACH**	68 Yates	
C	**55**	**MACK**	Ghiaciuc	
ORG	**77**	**WOMACK**	Lauvao*	Kooistra
ORT	**79**	**PASHOS**	78 St. Clair	Lauvao*
TE	**82**	**WATSON**	84 Royal	89 Moore
WR	**11**	**MASSAQUOI**	Mitchell*	12 Steptoe
QB	**17**	**DELHOMME**	Wallace	McCoy*
RB	**35**	**HARRISON**	Hardesty*	28 Davis
FB	**47**	**VICKERS**	28 Hillis	
DEFENSE				
DLE	**90**	**COLEMAN**	69 Mosley	Geathers*
NT	**92**	**ROGERS**	71 Rubin	
DRE	**98**	**SMITH**	91 Schaefering	
OLB	**51**	**GOCONG**	58 Benard	
ILB	**99**	**FUJITA**	50 Barton	57 Veikune
ILB	**52**	**JACKSON**	93 Trusnik	56 Maiava
OLB	**53**	**ROTH**	93 Trusnik	
LCB		**HADEN***	24 Wright	25 Francies
RCB		**S. BROWN**	22 McDonald	20 M. Adams
SS	**26**	**ELAM**	27 Sorensen	Asante*
FS		**WARD***	20 Adams	41 Ventrone
SPECIALISTS				
P	**15**	**ZASTUDIL**		
PK	**4**	**DAWSON**		
H	**15**	**ZASTUDIL**		
PR	**16**	**CRIBBS**		
KR	**16**	**CRIBBS**		
LS	**64**	**PONTBRIANT**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Gary Brown, *running backs*; Bryan Cox, *defensive line*; Brian Daboll, *offensive coordinator*; Andy Dickerson, *defensive quality control*; Matt Eberflus, *linebackers*; Steve Hagen, *tight ends*; Jerome Henderson, *defensive backs*; Kent Johnston, *strength and conditioning*; Rick Lyle, *assistant strength and conditioning*; Eric Mangini, *head coach*; George McDonald, *wide receivers*; Rob Ryan, *defensive coordinator*; Brad Seely, *asst. head coach/special-teams coordinator*; Carl Smith, *quarterbacks*; George Warhop, *offensive line*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
20	Adams, Mike	DB	5-11	200	7	Delaware	16/9
62	Adams, Titus	DL	6-4	305	1	Nebraska	0/0
85	Allen, Jake	WR	6-4	196	2	Mississippi College	2/0
	Asante, Larry	S	6-0	212	R	Nebraska	
50	Barton, Eric	LB	6-3	245	12	Maryland	8/8
58	Benard, Marcus	LB	6-2	256	2	Jackson State	6/0
	Bender, Casey	OL	6-5	295	R	South Dakota State	
96	Bowens, David	LB	6-3	265	12	Western Illinois	16/15
	Bowie, John	CB	5-11	190	4	Cincinnati	3/0
	Brown, Sheldon	CB	5-10	200	9	South Carolina	16/16
29	Brown, Thomas	RB	5-8	203	2	Georgia	1/0
59	Brown, Titus	LB	6-3	250	1	Mississippi State	1/0
	Burney, Benjamin	DB	5-11	205	R	Colorado	
79	Capizzi, Jason	OT	6-9	330	1	Indiana (Pa.)	0/0
	Chancellor, Chris	DB	5-9	180	R	Clemson	
90	Coleman, Kenyon	DL	6-5	295	9	UCLA	13/13
44	Collins, Jed	RB	6-1	255	1	Washington State	0/0
54	Costanzo, Blake	LB	6-1	235	4	Lafayette	16/0
16	Cribbs, Joshua	WR	6-1	215	6	Kent State	16/12
28	Davis, James	RB	5-11	218	2	Clemson	2/0
4	Dawson, Phil	PK	5-11	200	12	Texas	11/0
17	Delhomme, Jake	QB	6-2	215	12	Louisiana-Lafayette	11/11
26	Elam, Abram (RFA)	S	6-0	207	5	Kent State	16/16
	English, Auston	LB	6-3	250	R	Oklahoma	
83	Estandia, Greg	TE	6-8	266	4	UNLV	4/0
25	Francies, Coye	CB	6-0	185	2	San Jose State	6/0
99	Fujita, Scott	LB	6-5	250	9	California	11/10
	Geathers, Clifton	DE	6-7	299	R	South Carolina	
	Ghiaciuc, Eric	C	6-4	303	5	Central Michigan	0/0
51	Gocong, Chris	LB	6-2	263	5	Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo	15/11
60	Grennan, Keith	DE	6-4	298	2	Eastern Washington	0/0
	Haden, Joe	CB	5-11	193	R	Florida	
	Haggerty, Johnathan	WR	6-1	195	R	SW Oklahoma State	
	Hardesty, Montario	RB	6-0	225	R	Tennessee	
35	Harrison, Jerome (RFA)	RB	5-9	205	5	Washington State	14/7
28	Hillis, Peyton	RB	6-1	240	3	Arkansas	14/2
2	Hodges, Reggie	P	6-0	220	4	Ball State	8/0
52	Jackson, D'Qwell (RFA)	LB	6-0	240	5	Maryland	6/6
34	Jennings, Chris	RB	5-10	218	2	Arizona	9/1
	Kooistra, Scott	OL	6-6	335	8	North Carolina State	4/0
	Lauvao, Shawn	OL	6-2	315	R	Arizona State	
30	Lawson, Gerard	DB	5-10	195	3	Oregon State	5/0
61	Lewis, Jonathan	DL	6-0	305	3	Virginia Tech	0/0
55	Mack, Alex	C	6-4	311	2	California	16/16
56	Maiava, Kaluka	LB	6-0	229	2	USC	16/3
11	Massaquoi, Mohamed	WR	6-2	207	2	Georgia	16/11
	McCoy, Colt	QB	6-1	216	R	Texas	
22	McDonald, Brandon	CB	5-10	185	4	Memphis	16/10
	Miller, Swanson	DL	6-4	310	R	Oklahoma State	
	Mitchell, Carlton	WR	6-3	215	R	South Florida	
89	Moore, Evan	TE	6-6	247	2	Stanford	5/0
	Morton, Dion	WR	5-8	160	R	Colorado State	
69	Mosley, C.J.	DE	6-3	305	6	Missouri	12/1
75	Murray, Pat	OL	6-3	310	1	Truman State (Mo.)	0/0
79	Pashos, Tony	OT	6-6	326	8	Illinois	5/1
64	Pontbriand, Ryan	LS	6-2	255	8	Rice	16/0
5	Ratliff, Brett	QB	6-4	224	2	Utah	0/0
	Reinders, Joel	OL	6-7	320	R	Waterloo (Ontario)	
33	Richardson, Matterral	CB	6-0	205	1	Arkansas	0/0
	Roberson, Chris	CB	5-11	190	4	Eastern Michigan	0/0
67	Robinson, Derreck	DE	6-4	295	4	Iowa	3/0
38	Robinson, Ramzee	CB	5-10	190	4	Alabama	4/0
80	Robiskie, Brian	WR	6-3	209	2	Ohio State	11/1
92	Rogers, Shaun	NT	6-4	350	10	Texas	11/11
53	Roth, Matt (RFA)	LB	6-4	275	6	Iowa	6/6
84	Royal, Robert	TE	6-4	257	9	LSU	13/11
71	Rubin, Ahtyba	NT	6-2	330	3	Iowa State	16/5
91	Schaefering, Brian	DE	6-4	295	1	Lindenwood (Mo.)	5/1
98	Smith, Robaire	DE	6-5	310	11	Michigan State	15/15
27	Sorensen, Nick	S	6-3	210	10	Virginia Tech	16/0
78	St. Clair, John	OT	6-6	320	11	Virginia	14/14
65	Steinbach, Eric	OG	6-6	295	8	Iowa	16/16
12	Steptoe, Syndric	WR	5-9	200	3	Arizona	0/0
88	Stuckey, Chansi	WR	6-0	196	4	Clemson	11/0
73	Thomas, Joe	OT	6-6	312	4	Wisconsin	16/16
93	Trusnik, Jason	LB	6-4	250	4	Ohio Northern	12/10
	Valentin, Aaron	WR	6-1	205	R	Purdue	
57	Veikune, David	LB	6-2	257	2	Hawaii	10/0
41	Ventrone, Ray	DB	5-10	200	5	Villanova	14/0
47	Vickers, Lawrence (RFA)	FB	6-0	250	5	Colorado	16/9
	Wagner, Troy	TE	6-6	265	R	Indiana	
	Wallace, Seneca	QB	5-11	205	8	Iowa State	13/2
	Ward, T. J.	FS	5-10	211	R	Oregon	
82	Watson, Benjamin	TE	6-3	255	7	Georgia	16/7
77	Womack, Floyd	OG-OT	6-4	328	10	Mississippi State	13/9
24	Wright, Eric	CB	5-10	190	4	UNLV	16/16
68	Yates, Billy	OL	6-2	305	7	Texas A&M	6/0
15	Zastudil, Dave	P	6-3	220	9	Ohio	8/0

and figures to still play quite a bit even if the doesn't start. Mike Adams and Brandon McDonald also will be in the mix for playing time at cornerback, though Adams can play safety and could be a viable starting option at free safety if needed. Adams is more consistent than McDonald, who is best in a reserve role. CB Coye Francies, who has good size for the position, also could compete for a role. Rookie T.J. Ward is the likely starter at free safety. He has the tools to be a physical tone-setter but is not an exceptional athlete and battled injuries in college. RFA SS Abram Elam is a solid run defender who can be vulnerable in coverage. Larry Asante, Nick Sorensen and Ray Ventrone provide depth at safety. Asante, a rookie from Nebraska, is a physical presence who is limited in coverage.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Josh Cribbs already holds the NFL record for kicks returned for touchdowns (10, with eight on kickoffs and two on punts), and he's certainly capable of adding to that mark. Cribbs is the complete package as a returner — quick, fast and strong. He can make pursuers miss, break tackles and sprint past a special-teamer out of his lane or a kicker with the unfortunate duty of being the last line of defense. PK Phil Dawson is reliable on shorter kicks and has range beyond 50 yards. His kickoffs are usually on the short side, but he averaged a respectable 64.4 yards two seasons ago. He missed five games with a right calf injury last season. P Dave Zastudil was punting very well before suffering a season-ending right knee injury at midseason. He has a strong leg and places the ball well.

SUMMARY

On paper, the Browns appear to be the AFC North's weakest member once again, but this team showed remarkable resiliency finishing strong last season, and the roster is more talented now than it was then. It's hard to make a case for the Browns to make the playoffs, but they should be more competitive provided they stay healthy.

INDIANAPOLIS Colts

2010 PREDICTION: 11-5 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 14-2 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. CALDWELL

HEAD COACH: Jim Caldwell
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Clyde Christensen
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Larry Coyer
OWNER: James Irsay
STADIUM: Lucas Oil Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 63,000
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.colts.com

Most of the pieces remain in place for another history-making season in Indianapolis, as the Colts, fresh off the winningest decade in NFL history (115-45), take aim at tying the Cowboys' league record of nine consecutive playoff berths.

Accomplishing that feat will hardly be a slam dunk, considering that eight of the past 11 Super Bowl losers failed to make the playoffs the next season. But a star-studded cast with league MVP Peyton Manning in the lead role once again figures to make the Colts a heavyweight contender of the highest order.

Some significant changes have been made, however, on a team that won its first 14 games in the process of putting together the league's best record in '09.

Jim Caldwell, who lived up to expectations in his first year as the head coach replacing Tony Dungy, will be in command of a dramatically revamped offensive staff. Clyde Christensen replaces Tom Moore as the primary play-caller and communicator with Manning. In addition, Pete Metzelaars replaces the retired Howard Mudd as the offensive-line coach, and former Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner is the team's new WR coach, replacing Christensen.

There also will be a major change in philosophy, with the offensive line expected to feature bigger, stronger run blockers.

TIM SADLON

PEYTON MANNING

OFFENSE

The three-WR base package that has been so successful with Peyton Manning under center will remain the Colts' bread and butter. But look for a concerted effort to add more balance and strengthen a ground game that came up short when it counted most in the Super Bowl.

QUARTERBACKS

Ten-time Pro Bowler Peyton Manning, who turned 34 in March, is coming off back-to-back MVP campaigns for the second time in his illustrious career. Overcoming the loss of eight-time Pro Bowl WR Marvin Harrison and WR Anthony Gonzalez, who went down for the count in Week One with a sprained right knee ligament, Manning was still as effective as ever. Registering 300-yard passing performances in eight of the first nine games, he threw for at least 4,000 yards (4,500) for a league-record 10th time and broke his own club marks with 393 completions and a 68.8 completion percentage. Manning's uncanny ability to process information in a split second has made him a master at exploiting blitzes, and his preparation and work habits have become legendary. Manning also remains a physical marvel, having missed only one play in 210 career starts (counting playoffs). Backup Curtis Painter, a sixth-round draft pick in '09, struggled mightily as the lead QB in the final two

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

OG Andy Alleman, OT Adam Terry.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

DL Raheem Brock, SLB Tyjuan Hagler, CB Marlin Jackson, CB Tim Jennings, OG Ryan Lilja, RB Chad Simpson, QB Jim Sorgi.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Peyton Manning

DEFENSIVE MVP
DRE Dwight Freeney

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
RB Donald Brown

POSITION BATTLE
WR: Anthony Gonzalez vs. Austin Collie

P. MANNING

D. FREENEY

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A+	B	A	B	B+	B-	B+	C

games last season. But the team likes the way he has looked in practice and continues to believe he has potential.

RUNNING BACKS

Entering his fifth season, former first-round draft pick Joseph Addai performed much better in '09 than the Colts' lowly rushing numbers might indicate. Although he did not have a 100-yard rushing game the entire season, the versatile Addai doubled his rushing TD total from the previous season (from five to 10), remained a very capable receiver out of the backfield and threw a game-winning fourth-quarter TD pass to Reggie Wayne in a Week Eight victory over the Niners. Addai is a tough, slippery runner with excellent lateral quickness and has become one of the league's best pass-blocking backs. It is expected that Addai will be sharing the load a lot more next season with '09 first-round draft pick Donald Brown, who missed five games with shoulder and chest injuries and spent most of his time learning the offense. Brown, who was college football's lone 2,000-yard rusher in '08, is a tireless worker with excellent breakaway speed and the ability to hit a home run on every play when healthy. Mike Hart, who rebounded from a season-ending knee injury in '08, adds depth at running back. The usage of a conventional blocking fullback in certain situations is expected to be an added dimension in the offense.

RECEIVERS

Pro Bowler Reggie Wayne surpassed 1,000 yards for the sixth consecutive season, registered his second 100-catch campaign in the last three years and scored three game-winning TDs in the fourth quarter. Wayne worked his magic all over the field, often going in motion and moving from his familiar spot on the left side to the slot. He took over for Marvin Harrison, who was released early last offseason, as the WR unit's undisputed leader and embraced the role, offering valuable guidance for youngsters Pierre Garcon and Austin Collie. Garcon, a nonfactor as a sixth-round rookie in '08, blossomed into a serious downfield threat (team-leading 16.3 yards per catch) with blazing speed and Anquan Boldin-like physicality. Collie, a fourth-round draft pick in '09, came through with flying colors in the slot in place of the injured Anthony Gonzalez. A certified gym rat, Collie's 60 catches and seven TDs were the most by a first-year receiver in '09. Gonzalez, a sure-handed receiver capable of stretching the field, is expected to be fully recovered from the knee injury that forced him to miss practically the entire '09 season. Pro Bowler Dallas Clark's 100 catches (for 1,106 yards, including 10 TDs) were the second-most by a tight end in league history. Used all over the field like Wayne, Clark is smart with excellent speed, strength, athleticism and balance. A diligent worker who continues to refine his capable blocking skills, he is also a locker-room leader with an infectious personality and a model citizen. Gijon Robinson, the starting H-back for the second year in a row, Jacob Tamme, Tom Santi and fifth-round blocking specialist Brody Eldridge add depth at tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Four-time Pro Bowler Jeff Saturday, who has started 154 games at center since 2000, anchors a line that limited opponents to an NFL-low and club-record 13 sacks in '09. He and rock-solid Pro Bowl alternate ORT Ryan Diem are presumably the only sure bets in a unit considered in a state of flux due to its run-blocking shortcomings. In four seasons with the Colts, Charlie Johnson has played every position on the line except center. He did a respectable job in 12 starts at left tackle in '09 but is not considered a natural at the position. Kyle DeVan, who was playing for the Boise Burn of the Arena Football2 league when he was signed last offseason, took over at right guard for underachieving Mike Pollak after seven games in '09. Undersized but gritty, DeVan gives it everything he's got on every play. Possible replacements at left guard for Ryan Lilja, who was surprisingly released in early March, include Pollak; 310-pound newcomer Andy Alleman, who has started seven games the past two seasons for the Dolphins (in '08) and Chiefs (in '09); and fourth-rounder Jacques McClendon, one of the strongest players in the draft. Other linemen in the mix include huge (6-8, 335) newcomer Adam Terry, a former second-round pick of the Ravens who sat out last season with a knee injury, and Tony Ugoh, another disappointing former draft pick who lost the starting OLT job to Johnson.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	New York Giants	8:20 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Denver	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Jacksonville	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Washington	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 24	BYE	
Nov. 1	Houston	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Philadelphia	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 14	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at New England	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 28	San Diego	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 5	Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Tennessee	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 19	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Jan. 2	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Indianapolis

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Jacksonville	(-6.5)	14-12
Sept. 21	At Miami	(-3)	27-23
Sept. 27	At Arizona	(+3)	31-10
Oct. 4	Seattle	(-10.5)	34-17
Oct. 11	At Tennessee	(-4)	31-9
Oct. 18	BYE		
Oct. 25	At St. Louis	(-14)	42-6
Nov. 1	San Francisco	(-13)	18-14
Nov. 8	Houston	(-7.5)	20-17
Nov. 15	New England	(-2)	35-34
Nov. 22	At Baltimore	(-2)	17-15
Nov. 29	At Houston	(-3)	35-27
Dec. 6	Tennessee	(-6)	27-17
Dec. 13	Denver	(-6.5)	28-16
Dec. 17	At Jacksonville	(-3.5)	35-31
Dec. 27	New York Jets	(-3.5)	15-29
Jan. 3	At Buffalo	(+8)	7-30
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 16	Baltimore	(-6.5)	20-3
Jan. 24	New York Jets	(-8.5)	30-17
Feb. 7	New Orleans	(-5)	17-31

DEFENSE

In the first season under cerebral coordinator Larry Coyer, the defense became more of an attacking, unpredictable unit that challenged offenses to make plays. But across-the-board speed and resilience remained key ingredients. The Colts did not give up a touchdown after a turnover until the Week 15 game at Jacksonville.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Pro Bowl DEs Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis were used more creatively in '09, both dropping more into coverage and sometimes even lining up at linebacker. Freeney, who compiled at least 10 sacks (team-leading 13½) for the sixth time in eight seasons, can get off the ball like a comet with great God-given ability and an assortment of moves. Mathis

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**JAX.**	**@MIA.**	**@ARIZ.**	**SEA.**	**@TEN.**	**@ST.L.**	**S.F.**	**HOU.**	**N.E.**	**@BALT.**	**@HOU.**	**TEN.**	**DEN.**	**@JAX.**	**N.Y.J.**	**@BUFF.**	
Score	14-12	27-23	31-10	34-17	31-9	42-6	18-14	20-17	35-34	17-15	35-27	27-17	28-16	35-31	15-29	7-30	
Total net yards	365	356	505	431	367	391	410	378	407	375	342	358	312	369	286	157	5809
Rushing yards	71	61	126	78	58	156	61	72	91	76	114	88	92	61	64	25	1294
Passing yards	294	295	379	353	309	235	349	306	316	299	228	270	220	308	222	132	4515
Rushing plays	31	11	31	22	23	26	21	18	18	25	23	27	28	23	23	16	366
Sacks allowed	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	13
Had intercepted	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	3	1	1	2	19
Fumbles lost	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
Yards penalized	17	20	69	48	48	51	38	40	20	40	25	40	20	40	15	15	546
Punts	2	3	4	2	4	4	7	3	7	3	2	3	5	3	6	6	64
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	26:04	45:07	28:18	31:06	26:22	29:21	26:26	34:33	35:02	32:36	31:52	32:59	31:27	35:26	33:06	37:34	32:20
Total net yards	228	403	323	279	245	272	295	382	477	354	396	375	357	345	293	403	5427
Rushing yards	114	239	24	49	90	155	113	81	113	98	122	142	95	139	202	248	2024
Passing yards	114	164	299	230	155	117	182	301	364	256	274	233	262	206	91	155	3403
Rushing plays	26	49	12	19	21	30	18	26	28	31	24	33	30	34	44	42	467
Sacks allowed	1	2	4	5	1	3	4	2	2	0	2	1	3	2	2	0	34
Had intercepted	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	16
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
Yards penalized	24	20	35	45	89	73	50	103	72	20	129	50	65	22	52	40	889
Punts	5	1	6	5	4	5	8	4	4	2	2	2	4	3	5	5	65

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Addai	17-42-1	6-32-0	13-63-0	12-46-1	14-27-1	20-64-1	20-62-0	14-63-1	10-41-1	19-74-1	15-69-0	21-79-2	16-67-0	16-59-0	6-40-1		219-828-10
Brown	11-33-0	4-26-1	14-40-0	9-33-1	6-22-0	2-58-0			4-14-0	4-10-0	5-27-0				15-22-1	4-(-4)-0	78-281-3
Hart												4-11-0	9-28-0	3-3-0		10-28-1	26-70-1
Manning	3-(-4)-0	1-3-0	2-(-1)-0	1-(-1)-0		1-(-1)-0		1-2-0		1-(-1)-0	1-(-2)-0	2-(-2)-0	3-(-3)-0	3-(-3)-0			19-(-13)-0
Painter															1-3-0	2-1-0	3-4-0
Simpson					3-9-0	3-35-1	1-(-1)-0	2-3-0	4-36-0		2-20-1						15-102-2

PASSING **

Manning	28-38-1 301-1	14-23-0 303-2	24-35-1 379-4	31-41-1 353-2	36-44-1 309-3	23-34-0 235-3	31-48-0 347-0	34-50-1 318-1	28-44-2 327-4	22-31-2 299-1	27-35-2 244-3	24-37-0 270-1	20-42-3 220-4	23-30-1 308-4	14-21-0 192-0	14-18-1 95-0	393-571-16 4500-33
Painter															4-11-1 44-0	4-17-1 39-0	8-28-2 83-0

RECEIVING

Addai	5-35-0	1-7-0	3-8-1	7-50-0	10-53-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	5-49-1	2-27-1	1-7-0	3-13-0	3-17-0	5-49-0	3-14-0			51-336-3
Baskett						1-5-0									2-16-0	1-7-0	4-28-0
Brown	2-16-0	1-24-0	1-72-0	1-13-0	2-13-0				1-8-0		2-11-0				1-12-0		11-169-0
Clark	4-39-0	7-183-1	7-62-1	8-80-0	9-77-0	3-44-1	8-99-0	14-119-0	4-65-0	1-3-1	9-63-1	3-25-0	5-43-3	7-95-2	4-57-0	7-52-0	100-1106-10
Collie	2-15-0	1-4-0	3-47-0	6-65-1	8-97-2	4-36-1	6-66-0	2-26-0	6-45-0	1-12-0	4-70-0	4-18-1	3-39-1	3-27-1	6-94-0	1-15-0	60-676-7
Garcon	3-24-0	1-48-1	3-64-1	3-71-0	1-9-0	3-24-0	4-53-0	5-60-0	3-50-1	6-108-0	5-63-1	6-136-0	2-39-0	2-16-0			47-765-4
Hart												2-27-0		1-11-0		2-16-0	5-54-0
Robinson	1-4-0					3-38-0			2-6-0				1-7-0	1-5-0	1-2-0		9-62-0
Santi										6-80-0	1-5-0				1-22-0		8-107-0
Wayne	10-162-1	3-37-0	7-126-1	6-74-1	6-60-1	7-83-1	12-147-1	8-64-0	10-126-2	7-89-0	3-19-1	4-48-0	4-43-0	5-132-1	3-33-0	5-21-0	100-1264-10

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

complemented Freeney with 9½ sacks, five forced fumbles and 18 pressures. An unbelievably hard worker, Mathis has great speed, quickness, leverage and extraordinary balance. First-rounder Jerry Hughes, an accomplished collegiate pass rusher with great quickness and tenacity who led the nation in sacks his junior year, will help keep Freeney and Mathis fresh. The defense got great mileage out of a triple-threat DT corps consisting of surprisingly effective starters Antonio Johnson and Daniel Muir and undersized but relentless reserve Eric Foster. Johnson provided a big, powerful run-stuffing presence. Muir slimmed down to 310 pounds to better adapt to the line's one-gap style and led the team's linemen with 52 tackles. Foster, who got by on toughness and flawless fundamentals, added seven QB pressures. More will be expected from fourth-year pro Keyunta Dawson and '09 second-round pick Fili Moala, who struggled in his first season in the Colts' system. Seventh-rounder Ricardo Mathews, who can play both tackle and end, adds depth.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Jerry Hughes	DE	TCU	31
2	Pat Angerer	MLB	Iowa	63
3	Kevin Thomas	CB	USC	94
4	Jacques McClendon	OG	Tennessee	129
5	Brody Eldridge	TE	Oklahoma	162
7	Ricardo Mathews	DT	Cincinnati	238
7	Kavell Conner	OLB	Clemson	240
7	Ray Fisher	CB	Indiana	246

J. HUGHES

LINEBACKERS

Best described by one team insider as a "poor man's Ray Lewis," MLB Gary Brackett, who signed a new long-term contract on the first day of free agency, is an inspirational leader on the field and in the locker room. What the consistent Brackett (at least 99 tackles in each of the past five seasons) lacks in physical stature and pure speed, he more than makes up for with his smarts and nonstop effort. Second-rounder Pat Angerer has the speed and instincts to seamlessly fit into the Colts' defense as Brackett's primary backup. Clint Session moved from the strong side to the weak side in '09 and blossomed into one of the league's hardest-hitting linebackers. Extremely athletic and instinctive, Session excelled in the defense's expanded blitz packages and provided a consistent big-play presence. Almost impossible to stop with a full head of steam, Session's natural leverage enables him to pack a big-time punch in a very short range. The development of Philip Wheeler, who started at strong-side linebacker in the final seven games in place of the injured Tyjuan Hagler, was considered a critical component in the defense's overall improvement. A quick study with considerable upside, Wheeler is the team's most prototypical linebacker. Ramon Humber, who signed as a free agent shortly after last year's draft, and Cody Glenn, who played nine games after spending the first part of the season on the practice squad, add depth along with seventh-round OLB Kavell Conner.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Former NFL defensive MVP Bob Sanders, who played in only two games last season after missing 10 games in '08, is considered one of the league's top strong safeties when he can stay on the field. But his violent, hard-hitting style has made him very susceptible to injuries. The good news is that this is the first off-season in four years that Sanders will have not undergone surgery. Pro Bowl alternate FS Antoine Bethea, the only member of the secondary to start 16 games each of the past two seasons, is an extremely consistent performer with great work habits. Bethea believes he is coming off his best season after leading the team with four interceptions and adding 95 tackles. RCB Jerraud Powers, a third-round draft pick out of Auburn in '09, proved to be an

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	87	WAYNE	17 Collie	12 Hall
OLT	74	C. JOHNSON	67 Ugoh	
OLG	78	POLLAK	65 McClendon*	61 Richard
C	63	SATURDAY	62 Alleman	
ORG	66	DeVAN	62 Alleman	73 J. Thomas
ORT	71	DIEM	79 Terry	76 Cadogan
TE	44	CLARK	86 Santi	81 Eldridge*
WR	11	GONZALEZ	85 Garcon	14 Giguere
QB	18	MANNING	7 Painter	16 Willy
RB	29	ADDAI	31 Brown	32 Hart
H-B	47	ROBINSON	84 Tamme	
DEFENSE				
DLE	98	MATHIS	96 Dawson	94 Baldwin
DLT	99	A. JOHNSON	68 Foster	91 Mathews*
DRT	90	MUIR	95 Moala	75 King
DRE	93	FREENEY	92 Hughes*	72 Skolnitsky
SLB	50	WHEELER	52 Glenn	
MLB	58	BRACKETT	51 Angerer*	57 Renkart
WLB	55	SESSION	59 Humber	53 Conner*
LCB	26	HAYDEN	27 Lacey	28 Fisher*
RCB	25	POWERS	20 K. Thomas*	34 Lambert
FS	41	BETHEA	40 Silva	
SS	21	SANDERS	33 Bullitt	
SPECIALISTS				
P	1	McAFEE		
PK	4	VINATIERI	1 McAfee	
H	1	McAFEE		
PR	25	POWERS	28 Fisher*	23 B. James*
KR	14	GIGUERE	28 Fisher*	23 B. James*
LS	48	SNOW		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Jim Caldwell, *head coach*; Clyde Christensen, *offensive coordinator*; Jim Bob Cooter, *offensive assistant*; Larry Coyer, *defensive coordinator*; Richard Howell, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Gene Huey, *running backs*; Pete Metzelaars, *offensive line*; Tom Moore, *senior offensive assistant*; Mike Murphy, *linebackers*; Rod Perry, *special assistant to the defense*; Ron Prince, *asst. offensive line*; Frank Reich, *quarterbacks*; Ray Rychleski, *special-teams coordinator*; Bill Teerlinck, *defensive assistant*; John Teerlinck, *defensive line*; Ricky Thomas, *tight ends*; Jon Torine, *strength and conditioning*; Ron Turner, *wide receivers*; Alan Williams, *defensive backs*.

instant hit. As was the case with Bethea four years earlier, Powers immediately proved to be wise beyond his years. A sure tackler with decent size, Powers had a great knack for reading opposing QBs' eyes and almost always being in the right place at the right time. LCB Kelvin Hayden missed seven games with hamstring and knee injuries in '09 but provided a key veteran presence late in the season when the injured Powers was being replaced by fellow rookie Jacob Lacey. Both Lacey, who had a team-high 13 passes defended, and fourth-year S Melvin Bullitt, who did yeoman's work in place of the injured Sanders for the second consecutive season, proved to be indispensible contributors with a knack for making key plays. Third-round CB Kevin Thomas, who is well-suited for the Colts' zone-coverage defense, and energetic S Jamie Silva add quality depth.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Adam Vinatieri, who was replaced by veteran Matt Stover in '09 after undergoing mid-October surgery to remove cartilage from his right knee, is expected to return as the Colts' placekicker. A two-time Pro Bowler best-known for his postseason heroics (he kicked game-winning FGs for the Patriots in two Super Bowl victories), Vinatieri scored more than 100 points in each of his first 13 pro seasons. Pat McAfee, a seventh-round pick in '09, was a revelation as the team's punter and kickoff specialist. He excelled at providing consistently great hang time on his punts and kickoffs and also was flawless holding on field goals and extra points despite filling that role for the first time in his career. Sam Giguere, who displayed flashes in a late-season audition in snowy Buffalo, and Jerraud Powers initially shape up as the respective kickoff and punt returners, with speedy seventh-rounder Ray Fisher possibly entering the fray.

SUMMARY

With Bob Sanders, Anthony Gonzalez and Adam Vinatieri expected back in the mix in a big way after being hurt much of '09, the Colts' status as one of the league's elite teams figures to remain intact.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
29	Addai, Joseph	RB	5-11	214	5	LSU	15/15
62	Alleman, Andy	OG	6-4	310	4	Akron	9/3
56	Anderson, Trevor	DE	6-0	241	R	Michigan State	
51	Angerer, Pat	LB	6-0	235	R	Iowa	
94	Baldwin, Ervin	DE	6-2	260	2	Michigan State	3/0
41	Bethea, Antoine (RFA)	S	5-11	203	5	Howard	16/16
58	Brackett, Gary	LB	5-11	235	8	Rutgers	14/14
31	Brown, Donald	RB	5-10	210	2	Connecticut	11/1
33	Bullitt, Melvin	S	6-1	201	4	Texas A&M	14/12
76	Cadogan, Gerald	OT	6-5	314	1	Penn State	0/0
30	Caldwell, David	DB	5-11	212	R	William & Mary	
97	Chick, John	DE	6-4	248	1	Utah State	0/0
44	Clark, Dallas	TE	6-3	252	8	Iowa	16/16
46	Cloherty, Colin	TE	6-2	245	1	Brown	1/0
17	Collie, Austin	WR	6-0	200	2	Brigham Young	16/5
53	Conner, Kavell	LB	6-0	242	R	Clemson	
96	Dawson, Keyunta	DE	6-3	254	4	Texas Tech	12/2
66	DeVan, Kyle	OG	6-2	306	2	Oregon State	15/9
71	Diem, Ryan	OT	6-6	320	10	Northern Illinois	15/15
81	Eldridge, Brody	TE	6-5	265	R	Oklahoma	
28	Fisher, Ray	CB	5-9	185	R	Indiana	
68	Foster, Eric	DT	6-2	265	3	Rutgers	16/5
93	Freeney, Dwight	DE	6-1	268	9	Syracuse	14/9
85	Garcon, Pierre	WR	6-0	210	3	Mount Union	14/13
14	Giguere, Sam	WR	5-11	215	1	Sherbrooke	1/0
69	Gill, John	DL	6-3	302	1	Northwestern	2/0
52	Glenn, Cody	LB	6-0	240	2	Nebraska	9/0
11	Gonzalez, Anthony	WR	6-0	193	4	Ohio State	1/1
13	Guice, Dudley	WR	6-3	209	1	Northwestern St. (La.)	0/0
12	Hall, Roy	WR	6-3	240	3	Ohio State	0/0
60	Hardie, Rudolph	DE	6-2	269	1	Howard	0/0
32	Hart, Mike	RB	5-9	206	3	Michigan	9/0
26	Hayden, Kelvin	CB	6-0	195	6	Illinois	9/8
38	Hemby, Jordan	DB	5-11	190	R	North Carolina	
3	Hiller, Tim	QB	6-4	229	R	Western Michigan	
92	Hughes, Jerry	DE	6-2	255	R	TCU	
59	Humber, Ramon	LB	5-11	232	2	North Dakota State	16/2
23	James, Brandon	KR	5-7	176	R	Florida	
35	James, Javarris	RB	6-0	215	R	Miami (Fla.)	
99	Johnson, Antonio	DT	6-3	310	4	Mississippi State	15/15
74	Johnson, Charlie	OT	6-4	305	5	Oklahoma State	12/12
37	King, Brandon	DB	5-10	194	R	Purdue	
75	King, Mitch	DT	6-2	280	1	Iowa	0/0
27	Lacey, Jacob	CB	5-10	177	2	Oklahoma State	16/9
34	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	195	1	Notre Dame	0/0
72	Linkenbach, Jeff	OT	6-4	311	R	Cincinnati	
18	Manning, Peyton	QB	6-5	230	13	Tennessee	16/16
91	Mathews, Ricardo	DT	6-3	294	R	Cincinnati	
98	Mathis, Robert	DE	6-2	245	8	Alabama A&M	14/9
83	Matthews, John	WR	6-0	197	1	San Diego	0/0
1	McAfee, Pat	P	6-1	220	2	West Virginia	16/0
65	McClendon, Jacques	OG	6-3	324	R	Tennessee	
42	McCleskey, Donye'	DB	6-0	225	R	Indiana State	
95	Moala, Fili	DT	6-4	303	2	USC	10/1
45	Moore, Devin	RB	5-10	191	1	Wyoming	0/0
90	Muir, Daniel	DT	6-2	312	4	Kent State	16/10
38	Newton, Mike	DB	5-10	197	R	Buffalo	
7	Painter, Curtis	QB	6-4	230	2	Purdue	2/0
60	Peat, Gregg	OG	6-3	299	R	Oregon State	
80	Petrowski, Jamie	TE	6-4	262	2	Indiana State	0/0
78	Pollak, Mike	OG	6-3	301	3	Arizona State	14/7
25	Powers, Jerraud	CB	5-10	192	2	Auburn	12/12
57	Renkart, Brandon	LB	6-2	245	1	Rutgers	0/0
61	Richard, Jamey	OG	6-5	295	3	Buffalo	9/0
47	Robinson, Gijon	TE-HB	6-1	255	3	Missouri Western St.	13/10
21	Sanders, Bob	S	5-8	206	7	Iowa	2/2
86	Santi, Tom	TE	6-3	250	3	Virginia	3/2
63	Saturday, Jeff	C	6-2	295	12	North Carolina	16/16
55	Session, Clint	LB	6-0	235	4	Pittsburgh	14/14
40	Silva, Jamie	S	5-11	204	3	Boston College	14/0
72	Skolnitsky, J.D.	DE	6-5	255	1	James Madison	0/0
10	Smith, Taj	WR	6-0	192	1	Syracuse	0/0
48	Snow, Justin	LS	6-3	240	11	Baylor	16/0
2	Swenson, Brett	PK	5-8	173	R	Michigan State	
84	Tamme, Jacob	TE	6-3	236	3	Kentucky	16/1
79	Terry, Adam	OT	6-8	335	6	Syracuse	0/0
73	Thomas, Jaimie	OG	6-4	330	1	Maryland	0/0
20	Thomas, Kevin	CB	6-0	192	R	USC	
49	Tuihalamaka, Vuna	LB	6-0	230	R	Arizona	
39	Turner, Thad	DB	5-11	188	R	Ohio	
64	Tyshovnytsky, Andrew	OT	6-4	317	R	Fordham	
67	Ugoh, Tony	OT	6-5	301	4	Arkansas	11/4
4	Vinatieri, Adam	PK	6-0	202	15	South Dakota State	6/0
87	Wayne, Reggie	WR	6-0	198	10	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
50	Wheeler, Philip	LB	6-2	240	3	Georgia Tech	16/7
15	White, Blair	WR	6-2	205	R	Michigan State	
16	Willy, Drew	QB	6-3	217	1	Buffalo	0/0

2 HOUSTON Texans

2010 PREDICTION: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

G. KUBIAK

HEAD COACH: Gary Kubiak
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Rick Dennison
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Frank Bush
OWNER: Robert C. McNair
STADIUM: Reliant Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 71,500
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.houstontexans.com

The Texans have never been closer to a playoff berth than they were in 2009. All they needed was the Jets to lose to the Bengals in the regular-season finale. Alas, Cincinnati, having clinched a playoff spot, rested starters, and the Jets rolled to a blowout win. A moral victory would have to do for Gary Kubiak's club.

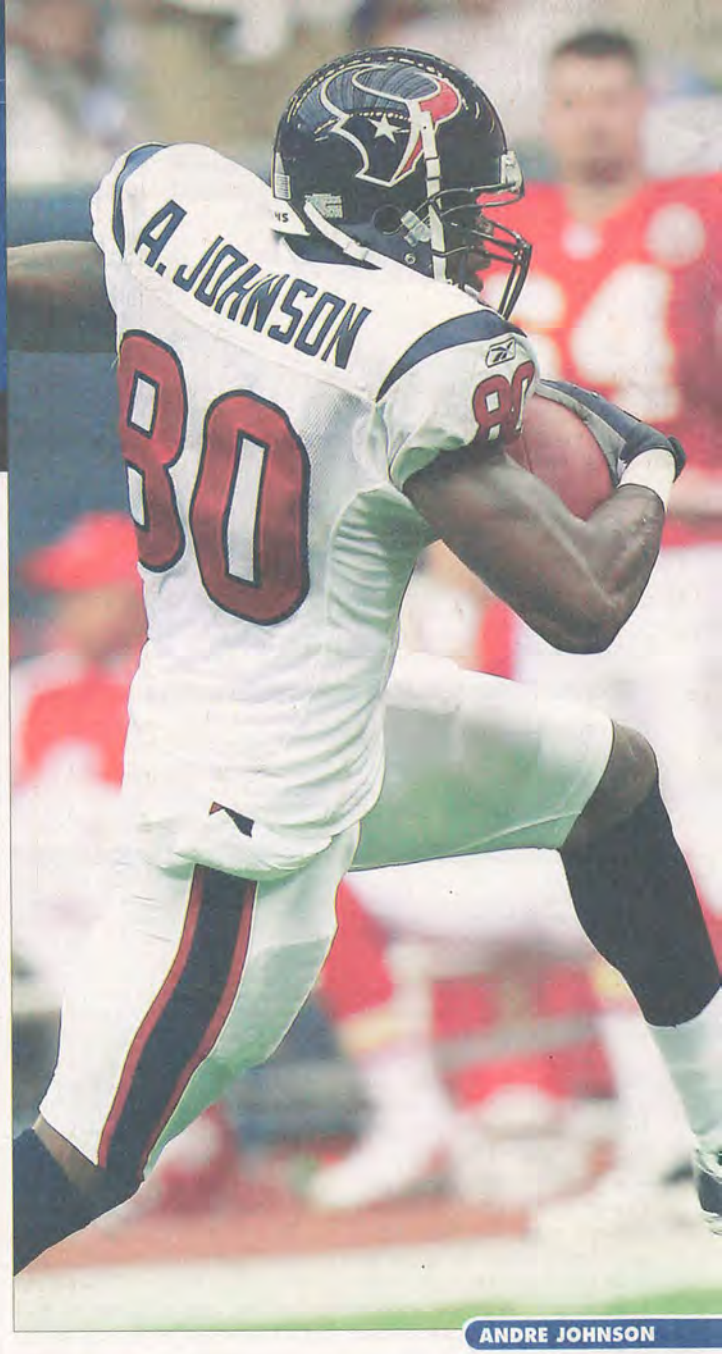
But a moral victory won't satisfy anyone in 2010, Kubiak's fifth season at the helm, not after an '09 campaign in which the Texans won nine games and lost a pair of close contests to AFC champion Indianapolis.

Those looking for a team to knock off the Colts in the AFC South will have to take a long look at the Texans, who have a potent offense and an improving defense.

But to have any chance of making the postseason, the Texans are going to have to take care of business within their division. In addition to the two losses to Indy, they dropped two games to Jacksonville and one to Tennessee last season.

Certainly, they are capable of turning the tables on the division. The Jaguars don't have as much talent as Houston. The Titans' defense has taken a big step backward. And Houston can stand toe-to-toe with Indianapolis.

Now, it's time for the Texans to be closers. Can they do it? It's one of the most compelling story lines entering the 2010 season.



ANDRE JOHNSON

OFFENSE

The Texans' passing game emphasizes short, high-percentage throws but also can stretch the field vertically. Houston's play-action passing game is one of the offense's strongest attributes; no club may employ the bootleg off play-action more effectively. The Texans continue to employ the zone running game popularized by former Broncos head coach and current Redskins head coach Mike Shanahan.

QUARTERBACKS

Matt Schaub is one of the rising stars in his profession. He was never better than he was last season, when he threw for a career-high 4,770 yards with 29 TD passes. Just as impressively, he completed a career-best 67.9 percent of his throws in a year when he attempted 203 more passes than he previously ever had. One of the game's most precise passers, Schaub can pick apart a defense when given a clean pocket. He sees the field well and is adept at checking down to secondary targets. His arm strength is good, and the Texans' passing game is one of the NFL's best at stretching the field. He is not particularly mobile but can buy himself a little bit of time with his feet. He cleared up some questions about his durability by playing all 16 games a season ago and playing through a painful injury to his non-throwing shoulder. Dan Orlovsky is like-

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS
PK Neil Rackers, OL Wade Smith.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES
QB Rex Grossman.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP WR Andre Johnson
DEFENSIVE MVP DE Mario Williams

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
CB Glover Quin

POSITION BATTLE
RB: Ben Tate vs. Steve Slaton

A. JOHNSON

M. WILLIAMS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B+	C-	A-	C	B-	A-	C	B-

ly to be the top backup to Schaub and could improve in his second year in the Texans' system after struggling last summer. Ex-Viking John David Booty is the favorite to be the third QB. He doesn't have an especially strong arm.

RUNNING BACKS

The Texans' lack of a lead back hurt them last season. Rookie Ben Tate has a chance to win the starting job right off the bat. He is not elusive and is tight-hipped, but he has a good burst and fits in a zone-stretch scheme. Steve Slaton will also get plenty of work. He struggled in his second NFL season, fumbling seven times in 11 games before a neck injury ended his campaign. He had cervical fusion surgery on the neck and is expected to be available for training camp, but at just 5-9 and 215 pounds, there are questions as to whether he can handle the rigors of being a full-time back. He may be best-suited as a change-of-pace back — he has very good speed and catches the ball well, so he figures to have an important role in the offense. Second-year RB Arian Foster also will be in the mix for carries. Foster finished the '09 season on a tear. He has good size for the position and quickly hits the hole but must develop better practice habits and become more consistent. Ryan Moats is quick but on the small side for the position and is a part-time player at best. Ex-Titans RB Chris Henry doesn't lack for raw ability, but he has never put it all together. FB Vonta Leach is a throwback, a sledgehammer in the running game.

RECEIVERS

WR Andre Johnson is the total package. He can run every route in the playbook and is dangerous whether he's breaking open across the middle on a crossing route or sprinting deep. He has very good speed and strength and overmatches smaller, shorter cornerbacks. He has a team-first attitude — he may be Houston's hardest worker, and he'll gladly be a decoy if it clears out space for the other receivers. However, there is no doubting he is the go-to target, and he is capable of taking over games. The other starting wideout, Kevin Walter, is an ideal fit in Houston's scheme. He is not particularly fast, but he has a big frame and very good strength. He's a reliable, sure-handed target on the short-and-intermediate routes that are the bread and butter of the Texans' precision passing game. There is solid depth behind the starting wideouts. Jacoby Jones is a speedy playmaker, but his lack of consistency is a major flaw. He must cut down on his fumbles and improve his approach to the game to reach his potential. David Anderson is a slight but sure-handed possession receiver who has produced when given a chance to play. André Davis has very good straight-line speed but is a better returner than receiver. TE Owen Daniels, a restricted free agent, was playing at a Pro Bowl level before suffering a season-ending knee injury in November; when healthy, he's one of the game's faster tight ends, capable of stretching the seam and creating after the catch. He is expected to be ready for training camp. James Casey had an up-and-down rookie year but has the tools needed to develop into a reliable receiving tight end. He can also play H-back. Joel Dreessen, a good pass catcher who can also long-snap, impressed when pressed into service in Daniels' absence, but he is coming off shoulder surgery. Massive Anthony Hill, who's primarily a blocker in the Texans' scheme, is coming off knee surgery. Rookie Garrett Graham, like Daniels a Wisconsin product, is a tight end who's best on the move. The Texans will convert athletic rookie TE Dorin Dickerson to wide receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This unit is no longer the glaring weakness it was in the franchise's early days, but it's not a strength, either. OLT Duane Brown is a work in progress; he has above-average athleticism for the position but struggles in pass protection. The Texans need him to take a step forward in his third NFL season. ORT Eric Winston is the club's best lineman. He has above-average quickness for the position and holds his own in pass protection despite having short arms. C Chris Myers isn't overpowering and doesn't have exceptional athleticism for the position but is smart and fits the zone-blocking scheme well. Antoine Caldwell is expected to settle in at right guard, replacing Mike Brisiel in the starting lineup. Caldwell, who also can play center, has good size and intelligence. Brisiel gets the most out of his ability and would be a fine backup. Kasey Studdard is the likely starter at left guard; though not as athletic as predecessor Chester Pitts, Studdard is smart and tenacious. Former Chiefs OL Wade Smith likely will be the top interior lineman off the bench; he is athletic enough to play tackle in a pinch, too. Chris White can play guard and center, and his versatility is an asset. Rashad Butler is expected to be the third tackle. He is athletic and has long arms. Rookie OG Shelley Smith provides further depth inside.

DEFENSE

The Texans' base defense is the 4-3. Defensive coordinator Frank Bush wants defensive linemen who get up the field, and he is willing to supplement the four-man pass rush with blitzers when necessary. The defense showed significant improvement in the final three months of the '09 season as players cut down on mental mistakes. Moreover, '09 rookie SLB Brian Cushing and veter-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Washington	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	Dallas	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	BYE	
Nov. 1	at Indianapolis	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	San Diego	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at N.Y. Jets	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Philadelphia	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 13	Baltimore	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Denver	4:05 p.m.
Jan. 2	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Houston

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	New York Jets	(-4.5)	7-24
Sept. 20	At Tennessee	(+7)	34-31
Sept. 27	Jacksonville	(-4)	24-31
Oct. 4	Oakland	(-8.5)	29-6
Oct. 11	At Arizona	(+6)	21-28
Oct. 18	At Cincinnati	(+4)	28-17
Oct. 25	San Francisco	(-3)	24-21
Nov. 1	At Buffalo	(-3.5)	31-10
Nov. 8	At Indianapolis	(+7.5)	17-20
Nov. 15	BYE		
Nov. 23	Tennessee	(-4)	17-20
Nov. 29	Indianapolis	(+3)	27-35
Dec. 6	At Jacksonville	(-2)	18-23
Dec. 13	Seattle	(-7)	34-7
Dec. 20	At St. Louis	(-14)	16-13
Dec. 27	At Miami	(+1.5)	27-20
Jan. 3	New England	(-7.5)	34-27

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**N.Y.J.**	**@TEN.**	**JAX.**	**OAK.**	**@ARIZ.**	**@CIN.**	**S.F.**	**@BUFF.**	**@IND.**	**TEN.**	**IND.**	**@JAX.**	**SEA.**	**@ST.L.**	**@MIA.**	**N.E.**	
Score	7-24	34-31	24-31	29-6	21-28	28-17	24-21	31-10	17-20	17-20	27-35	18-23	34-7	16-13	27-20	34-27	
Total net yards	183	420	397	329	416	472	336	439	382	340	396	305	450	419	406	439	6129
Rushing yards	38	63	111	120	45	87	90	182	81	57	122	72	85	52	126	144	1475
Passing yards	145	357	286	209	371	385	246	257	301	283	274	233	365	367	280	295	4654
Rushing plays	13	29	22	41	21	31	27	41	26	17	24	22	28	24	32	27	425
Sacks allowed	2	0	2	4	0	2	2	1	2	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	25
Had intercepted	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	1	1	17
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	11
Yards penalized	37	40	60	5	53	60	77	45	103	72	129	37	35	30	15	35	833
Punts	6	6	4	7	5	5	5	1	4	5	2	5	4	2	4	2	67

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	38:46	25:57	30:52	25:47	26:35	23:45	29:31	20:52	25:27	32:19	28:08	30:07	26:24	29:20	27:22	28:26	28:06
Total net yards	462	449	399	165	340	296	297	204	378	344	342	323	282	237	363	317	5198
Rushing yards	190	240	185	45	44	46	59	97	72	228	114	107	62	88	60	74	1711
Passing yards	272	209	214	120	296	250	238	107	306	116	228	216	220	149	303	243	3487
Rushing plays	42	25	32	21	16	17	19	20	18	42	23	36	24	26	16	19	396
Sacks allowed	0	2	0	3	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	4	3	3	3	2	30
Had intercepted	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	14
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	13
Yards penalized	80	64	40	60	40	45	65	36	40	25	25	45	63	15	30	55	728
Punts	4	5	3	8	7	7	5	6	3	4	2	3	7	4	5	3	76

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

C. Brown	3-15-0	8-25-0	8-19-0		4-2-1	9-45-0	4-14-0	7-22-0		11-36-0	11-56-1	6-15-1	3-7-0	3-2-0	2-9-0		79-267-3
Foster													13-34-0	2-7-0	19-97-1	20-119-2	54-257-3
Moats				15-56-0				23-126-3	16-38-0			12-41-0	10-43-1	13-46-0	8-23-0	4-17-0	101-390-4
Schaub	1-6-0	4-4-0	1-5-0	5-(-1)-0	3-5-0	3-(-1)-0	5-9-0	8-3-0	3-21-0	1-0-0	2-6-0	1-7-0	1-(-2)-0	5-(-3)-0	3-(-3)-0	2-1-0	48-57-0
Slaton	9-17-0	17-34-0	12-76-0	21-65-1	13-39-0	19-43-0	18-67-1	1-1-0	6-17-1	5-21-0	10-57-0						131-437-3

PASSING **

Grossman												3-9-1 33-0					3-9-1 33-0
Schaub	18-33-1 166-0	25-39-0 357-4	26-35-1 300-3	11-22-1 224-1	35-50-1 371-2	28-40-1 392-4	20-30-0 264-2	25-34-2 268-0	32-43-2 311-1	25-39-0 305-2	31-42-2 284-2	19-27-1 207-1	29-39-1 365-2	28-40-0 367-1	20-31-1 286-2	24-39-1 303-2	396-583-15 4770-29

RECEIVING

D. Anderson	1-14-0	1-7-0	2-13-0	2-22-0	3-32-0	1-12-0	2-10-0	3-51-0	3-19-0	5-52-0	1-6-0	4-39-0	4-49-0	5-34-0	1-10-0		38-370-0
C. Brown	1-1-0				1-9-0		1-4-0	2-7-0		3-17-0	3-20-0	2-11-0		2-4-0	1-1-0		16-74-0
Daniels	4-44-0	6-72-1	5-38-1	2-48-0	8-94-0	7-78-2	7-123-1	1-22-0									40-519-5
Dreessen		3-31-0		1-17-0	1-4-0				2-15-0	1-23-0	1-14-0	1-8-0	3-22-0	3-40-0	4-65-0	6-81-1	26-320-1
Foster													4-54-0	1-13-0		3-26-0	8-93-0
A. Johnson	4-35-0	10-149-2	4-86-0	2-66-0	8-101-2	8-135-0	2-62-0	6-63-0	10-103-0	4-78-1	5-67-0	7-99-1	11-193-2	9-196-0	5-71-1	6-65-0	101-1569-9
Jones		2-73-1	2-23-1	1-6-0	1-4-0	2-29-1		1-36-0	4-67-0		3-27-1		1-11-0	3-17-0	2-79-1	5-65-1	27-437-6
Leach	2-23-0		3-7-0		3-31-0	1-7-0		2-11-0	1-4-0	1-14-0	2-11-1	1-5-0	3-16-0			1-26-0	20-155-1
Moats								2-25-0	3-15-1			3-24-0	1-3-0		4-39-0		13-106-1
Slaton	3-35-0	3-25-0	3-37-0	2-24-1	6-59-0	6-102-1	4-22-1	2-10-0	3-12-0	5-42-1	7-49-0						44-417-4
Walter			7-96-1	1-41-0	4-37-0	3-29-0	3-29-0	4-29-0	5-67-0	4-46-0	7-73-0	4-54-0	2-17-0	4-42-1	3-21-0	2-30-0	53-611-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

an SS Bernard Pollard were playmakers unlike any Houston had ever had at their respective positions.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Much is made of DE Mario Williams' incredible athleticism for a player his size, but what he doesn't get enough credit for is his toughness. Williams played through a shoulder injury for a good portion of last season, which limited his effectiveness somewhat, but he still was productive, and he will be even better this season if at full strength. Williams can play either end spot effectively; he has the power to succeed playing on the left side and the quickness to play the right side. The other starting defensive end, Antonio Smith, is powerful and rugged and can slide inside to tackle. He picked up his play as last season progressed. Second-year DE Connor Barwin could push to take Smith's starting spot in time. Barwin has natural pass-rush ability and could be a solid complement to Williams if he continues to develop. Tim Bulman, the Texans' fourth defensive end, is a gritty, high-motor player. The Texans are looking for more production and disruptiveness from their tackles. Amobi Okoye flashed special ability early in his career but has leveled off and has been merely a serviceable starter for much of his career. Shaun Cody stepped into the lineup last season and started 13 games and was an effective cog in Houston's scheme. Frank Okam is the biggest of the team's tackles and doesn't lack for ability but is still developing. Rookie DT Earl Mitchell has promise as an interior pass rusher.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Kareem Jackson	CB	Alabama	20
2	Ben Tate	RB	Auburn	58
3	Earl Mitchell	DT	Arizona	81
4	Darryl Sharpton	ILB	Miami (Fla.)	102
4	Garrett Graham	TE	Wisconsin	118
5	Sherrick McManis	CB	Northwestern	144
6	Shelley Smith	OG	Colorado State	187
6	Trindon Holliday	RS	LSU	197
7	Dorin Dickerson	TE	Pittsburgh	227

K. JACKSON

LINEBACKERS

MLB DeMeco Ryans has exceptional instincts for a very demanding position. He doesn't have special quickness or speed, but he plays with great technique, and he is very smart. He's not going to be out of position or late on the scene very often. He plays with excellent knee bend, which means he isn't wasting a lot of time or motion once he diagnoses a play and makes the decision to go. What's more, he is very tough, and he leads by example. SLB Brian Cushing had an outstanding rookie season and helped transform the defense. He's tough and smart, and there is no doubt he helped the Texans play with greater physicality last season. He is better in pass coverage than was expected and intercepted four passes as a rookie. Also, he's an effective pass rusher. The major concern with Cushing is his durability; though he started all 16 games as a rookie, he played through nagging injuries all season. WLB Zac Diles is tough and smart and a serviceable weakside defender with Ryans and Cushing patrolling the field. Reserve LB Kevin Bentley is instinctive and contributes on special teams. He has the ability to play all three LB spots in the Texans' scheme. Backup WLB Xavier Adibi has excellent speed for the position but is on the small side. Rookie Darryl Sharpton adds depth and could contribute on special teams.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Texans had lacked a playmaking safety for years, but they found one last September in free agent Bernard Pollard. He has good size for a strong safety and also boasts good athleticism and instincts for the position. He is no liability in pass coverage, either. The communication in the Texans' secondary improved significantly once he moved into the starting lineup. FS Eugene Wilson runs well but isn't a difference maker like

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**80**	**A. JOHNSON**	12 Jones	11 Davis
OLT	**76**	**D. BROWN**	78 Butler	
OLG	**64**	**STUDDARD**	74 W. Smith	71 S. Smith*
C	**55**	**MYERS**	62 Caldwell	63 White
ORG	**62**	**CALDWELL**	65 Brisiel	74 W. Smith
ORT	**73**	**WINSTON**	78 Butler	
TE	**81**	**DANIELS**	88 Graham*	86 Casey
WR	**83**	**WALTER**	89 Anderson	19 Dickerson*
QB	**8**	**SCHAUB**	7 Orlovsky	10 Booty
RB	**43**	**TATE***	20 Slaton	23 Foster
FB	**44**	**LEACH**	86 Casey	
DEFENSE				
DLE	**94**	**A. SMITH**	98 Barwin	93 Bulman
NT	**95**	**CODY**	97 Okam	92 Mitchell*
DT	**91**	**OKOYE**	66 Robinson	
DRE	**90**	**M. WILLIAMS**	98 Barwin	96 Jamison
SLB	**56**	**CUSHING**	51 Sharpton*	
MLB	**59**	**RYANS**	57 Bentley	
WLB	**54**	**DILES**	52 Adibi	51 Sharpton*
LCB	**29**	**QUIN**	35 Reeves	32 Bennett
RCB	**25**	**JACKSON***	41 McCain	22 McManis*
SS	**31**	**POLLARD**	34 Barber	
FS	**26**	**WILSON**	34 Barber	33 Nolan
SPECIALISTS				
P	**1**	**TURK**		
PK	**3**	**K. BROWN**	4 Rackers	
H	**1**	**TURK**		
PR	**12**	**JONES**	84 Holliday*	
KR	**11**	**DAVIS**	84 Holliday*	
LS	**85**	**DREESSEN**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Torre Becton, *strength and conditioning assistant*; John Benton, *offensive line*; Frank Bush, *defensive coordinator*; Perry Carter, *asst. defensive backs*; Rick Dennison, *offensive coordinator*; David Gibbs, *defensive backs*; Chick Harris, *running backs*; Johnny Holland, *linebackers*; Larry Kirksey, *wide receivers*; Greg Knapp, *quarterbacks*; Bill Kollar, *asst. head coach/defensive line*; Gary Kubiak, *head coach*; Marc Lubick, *offensive assistant*; Joe Marciano, *special teams*; Bruce Matthews, *offensive assistant*; Brian Pariani, *tight ends*; Frank Pollack, *asst. offensive line*; Ray Rhodes, *senior defensive assistant*; Robert Saleh, *assistant linebackers*; Matt Schiotz, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Cedric Smith, *strength and conditioning*.

Pollard. The depth behind the starters is a little shaky. Dominique Barber, the top backup, struggled last season. The Texans allowed CB Dunta Robinson to depart in free agency after his salary demands became too high and drafted Kareem Jackson to replace him. Jackson is tough, instinctive, quick and moves smoothly. Glover Quin, who surprised as a rookie, is the starter on the left side. Quin is physical and smart. Fred Bennett, Brice McCain, Antwaun Molden, Jacques Reeves and rookie Sherrick McManis are the other options at corner. Reeves has the most experience but the least upside of the group. McCain was a pleasant surprise as a rookie.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK Kris Brown has a strong leg but has failed to come through in pressure situations at points of his career, and ex-Cardinal Neil Rackers will challenge him for his job. Rackers has been more accurate than Brown throughout his career and missed just one field goal in the '09 regular season, but he, too, has missed some big kicks in key situations. Brown and Rackers will compete throughout the offseason and likely into the preseason. Matt Turk is one of the NFL's oldest players, but he is adept at blunting opposing return games and remains in fine form in his early 40s. The Texans have the makings of an explosive return game. PR Jacoby Jones and KR André Davis both have very good speed for their positions, but diminutive rookie Trindon Holliday is sprinter-fast and figures to be utilized in the kicking game. The Texans are usually sound covering kicks and blocking on kickoff and punt returns.

SUMMARY

The Texans have never been better positioned to make the playoffs. They are not scared of the Colts. The Titans are retooling. The Jaguars are in transition. Houston's postseason hopes rest on taking care of business in the division and continuing to improve defensively. This is an intriguing team with a core of talented players in the prime of their careers.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
52	Adibi, Xavier	LB	6-2	243	2	Virginia Tech	16/2
89	Anderson, David	WR	5-10	197	5	Colorado State	16/8
34	Barber, Dominique	S	6-0	214	3	Minnesota	13/6
98	Barwin, Connor	DE	6-4	256	2	Cincinnati	16/0
32	Bennett, Fred	CB	6-1	200	4	South Carolina	10/3
57	Bentley, Kevin	LB	6-0	245	9	Northwestern	16/0
50	Bing, Darnell	LB	6-2	220	3	USC	4/0
10	Booty, John David	QB	6-3	213	2	USC	0/0
65	Brisiel, Mike	OG	6-5	304	4	Colorado State	5/5
76	Brown, Duane	OT	6-4	313	3	Virginia Tech	16/16
3	Brown, Kris	PK	5-11	212	12	Nebraska	16/0
93	Bulman, Tim	DE	6-4	275	6	Boston College	15/1
78	Butler, Rashad	OT	6-4	310	5	Miami (Fla.)	16/0
62	Caldwell, Antoine	OG-C	6-3	312	2	Alabama	11/3
86	Casey, James	TE	6-4	244	2	Rice University	15/0
	Corcoran, Jack	FB	6-0	235	R	Rutgers	
95	Cody, Shaun	DT	6-4	310	6	USC	14/13
	Crawford, London	WR	6-2	205	R	Arkansas	
56	Cushing, Brian	LB	6-3	262	2	USC	16/16
81	Daniels, Owen (RFA)	TE	6-3	245	5	Wisconsin	8/8
11	Davis, André	WR	6-1	194	9	Virginia Tech	14/1
19	Dickerson, Dorin	WR	6-2	230	R	Pittsburgh	
54	Diles, Zac	LB	6-2	237	4	Kansas State	16/12
85	Dreessen, Joel	TE	6-4	248	5	Colorado State	16/11
99	Egboh, Pannel	DE	6-6	276	1	Stanford	0/0
23	Foster, Arian	RB	6-1	215	2	Tennessee	6/1
82	Gaines, Michael	TE	6-2	271	7	Central Florida	10/7
88	Graham, Garrett	TE	6-3	250	R	Wisconsin	
	Greenhouse, Isaiah	FB	6-2	240	R	Northwestern St. (La.)	
75	Helms, Brett	C	6-2	270	1	LSU	0/0
27	Henry, Chris	RB	5-11	230	3	Arizona	0/0
87	Hill, Anthony	TE	6-6	269	2	North Carolina State	5/0
84	Holliday, Trindon	WR	5-5	159	R	LSU	
25	Jackson, Kareem	CB	5-11	192	R	Alabama	
96	Jamison, Tim	DE	6-3	270	2	Michigan	6/0
80	Johnson, Andre	WR	6-3	228	8	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
24	Johnson, Jeremiah	RB	5-9	210	1	Oregon	0/0
12	Jones, Jacoby	WR	6-2	206	4	Lane (Tenn.)	14/1
44	Leach, Vonta	FB	6-0	265	7	East Carolina	16/4
	Maneri, Steve	TE	6-6	256	R	Temple	
17	Martinez, Glenn	WR	6-1	185	5	Saginaw Valley	7/0
	Matte, Kristian	OG	6-4	296	R	Concordia (Can.)	
41	McCain, Brice	CB	5-9	179	2	Utah	16/1
22	McManis, Sherrick	CB	6-1	190	R	Northwestern	
92	Mitchell, Earl	DT	6-2	295	R	Arizona	
21	Moats, Ryan	RB	5-8	208	5	Louisiana Tech	14/2
28	Molden, Antwaun	CB	6-1	202	3	Eastern Kentucky	4/0
55	Myers, Chris	C	6-4	299	6	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
72	Nading, Jesse	DE	6-5	264	2	Colorado State	1/0
33	Nolan, Troy	S	6-2	206	1	Arizona State	0/0
97	Okam, Frank	DT	6-5	338	2	Texas	3/0
91	Okoye, Amobi	DT	6-2	296	4	Louisville	16/16
7	Orlovsky, Dan	QB	6-5	230	6	Connecticut	0/0
38	Parson, Mark	CB	5-10	192	1	Ohio	0/0
	Patterson, Will	LB	5-11	239	R	Indiana	
	Pemberton, Cole	OT	6-7	315	R	Colorado State	
31	Pollard, Bernard	SS	6-1	224	5	Purdue	13/13
	Polk, Nick	S	5-11	218	R	Indiana	
29	Quin, Glover	CB	6-0	203	2	New Mexico	15/12
4	Rackers, Neil	PK	6-1	202	11	Illinois	14/0
35	Reeves, Jacques	CB	5-11	188	7	Purdue	12/5
66	Robinson, DeJuan	DT	6-3	320	3	Mississippi State	11/0
59	Ryans, DeMeco	LB	6-1	248	5	Alabama	16/16
8	Schaub, Matt	QB	6-5	239	7	Virginia	16/16
51	Sharpton, Darryl	LB	6-0	235	R	Miami (Fla.)	
	Sheehan, Tyler	QB	6-3	228	R	Bowling Green	
	Sheppard, Malcom	DT	6-2	285	R	Arkansas	
	Singfield, Pierre	CB	5-11	196	R	Arizona State	
20	Slaton, Steve	RB	5-9	215	3	West Virginia	11/10
94	Smith, Antonio	DE	6-4	285	7	Oklahoma State	16/15
71	Smith, Shelley	OG	6-4	300	R	Colorado State	
74	Smith, Wade	OG-OT	6-4	296	8	Memphis	16/9
79	Stenavich, Adam	OT	6-4	308	1	Michigan	0/0
	Stross, Trey	WR	6-4	200	R	Iowa	
64	Studdard, Kasey	OG	6-3	306	4	Texas	16/14
43	Tate, Ben	RB	5-11	218	R	Auburn	
1	Turk, Matt	P	6-5	248	14	Wis.-Whitewater	16/0
	Ulatoski, Adam	OT	6-5	300	R	Texas	
	Unrein, Mitch	DE	6-4	270	R	Wyoming	
83	Walter, Kevin	WR	6-3	215	8	Eastern Michigan	14/14
	Webster, Aaron	SS	6-1	204	R	Cincinnati	
63	White, Chris	C	6-2	290	5	Southern Mississippi	12/8
90	Williams, Mario	DE	6-6	288	5	North Carolina State	16/16
	Williams, Torri	S	6-0	207	R	Purdue	
26	Wilson, Eugene	S	5-10	200	8	Illinois	8/8
73	Winston, Eric	OT	6-7	315	5	Miami (Fla.)	16/16

3 TENNESSEE Titans

2010 PREDICTION: 7-9 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 8-8 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. FISHER

HEAD COACH: Jeff Fisher
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Heimerdinger
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Chuck Cecil
OWNER: K.C. "Bud" Adams Jr.
STADIUM: LP Field | **CAPACITY:** 68,798
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.titansonline.com

The 2009 Titans were pretenders, then contenders. In the end, they were a .500 club, which seemed about right. They entered the season with hopes of repeating as AFC South champions only to begin the year on a six-game losing streak. But after benching QB Kerry Collins for Vince Young, they managed eight victories in their final 10 games, which is certainly a cause for optimism.

The Titans have the potential to be dynamic on offense. RB Chris Johnson came within 100 yards of breaking Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record. He has rare speed. Young's second stint as a starter was a success, and he improved in all facets. The receiving corps is the strongest it has been in years.

On the other hand, the Titans' defense enters '10 with something to prove. It allowed 365.6 yards per game last season, 72 yards per contest more than it did in '08. The secondary was porous at times, though it did improve once CB Cortland Finnegan returned from an early-season injury.

The Titans are not rebuilding, but they aren't a finished product, either. They appeared somewhere in the middle last year, with their arrow pointing up at the end of the season. Head coach Jeff Fisher has had better teams in his previous 15 seasons as head coach, but he definitely has had worse, and Johnson is the most explosive offensive player he's ever coached.

KWR
CHRIS JOHNSON

OFFENSE

Offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger was faced with a tall task last season: to tailor the attack to QB Vince Young's skill set after Kerry Collins was benched after six games. Heimerdinger succeeded, as Young quickly became comfortable in the offense and looked better than he ever had as a passer. It wouldn't be surprising if the offense was a little more aggressive this season, especially if teams stack the box against the run. The Titans have the receivers to stretch the field, and Young throws a decent deep ball.

QUARTERBACKS

It took Jeff Fisher six games to bench Kerry Collins in favor of Vince Young, which gives you some idea of how badly Young's last stint in the starting lineup ended. But Young appears to have learned from his benching in 2008. Young's understanding of the offense is said to be much better, and he was a confident, accurate passer for stretches a season ago. His mobility remains one of his greatest assets, and he can vex teams that play man coverage, which can afford the running lanes he needs to sprint for first downs. Young has an unorthodox throwing motion, and his accuracy can wane at times, but if he can complete around 60 percent of his passes and throw the deep ball well enough to keep defenses honest, he can be an effective starter. Collins is a solid back-

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS
DE Jason Babin, CB Tye Hill, LB Will Witherspoon.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES
TE Alge Crumpler, DE Kyle Vanden Bosch.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Chris Johnson

DEFENSIVE MVP
CB Cortland Finnegan

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Kenny Britt

POSITION BATTLE
CB: Open competition

C. JOHNSON

C. FINNEGAN

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C+	A	B-	A-	B-	C+	B-	B-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Oakland	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Denver	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Jacksonville	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at San Diego	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 14	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	Indianapolis	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 19	Houston	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Tennessee

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 10	At Pittsburgh	(+6.5)	10-13*
Sept. 20	Houston	(-7)	31-34
Sept. 27	At New York Jets	(+1.5)	17-24
Oct. 4	At Jacksonville	(-3)	17-37
Oct. 11	Indianapolis	(+4)	9-31
Oct. 18	At New England	(+9.5)	0-59
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	Jacksonville	(-3)	30-13
Nov. 8	At San Francisco	(+4.5)	34-27
Nov. 15	Buffalo	(-7.5)	41-17
Nov. 23	At Houston	(+4)	20-17
Nov. 29	Arizona	(-3.5)	20-17
Dec. 6	At Indianapolis	(+6)	17-27
Dec. 13	St. Louis	(-14)	47-7
Dec. 20	Miami	(-5)	27-24*
Dec. 25	San Diego	(-1.5)	17-42
Jan. 3	At Seattle	(-6)	17-13

* Overtime

up, a distinct change of pace for teams used to having to defend the more athletic Young. He still has a relatively strong arm but is not particularly accurate. Chris Simms, who played with the team in 2008 before heading to Denver last season, likely will be the No. 3 QB. Offensive coordinator Mike Heimderdinger likes sixth-round pick Rusty Smith's footwork, and he could end up on the practice squad.

RUNNING BACKS

In the 2008 NFL draft, many thought the Titans would select a wide receiver in Round One. Instead, they drafted a running back, Chris Johnson, with sprinter's speed. The move transformed their offense. Johnson has become a star and the focal point of their attack. Johnson rushed for more than 100 yards in 12-of-16 games last season, including the final 11 games. The NFL's fastest back, Johnson will punish defenders who take bad tackling angles or arrive an instant too slow onto the scene. His patience is one of his best attributes; he sets up his blockers well. Johnson is not a particularly powerful runner, but he is willing to run inside. It wouldn't be a surprise if he got a few less carries this season after 358 rushing attempts in 2009. Rugged second-year back Javon Ringer replaces LenDale White as the top backup to Johnson. He's a tough, try-hard runner who is a good complement to Johnson. Ex-Jaguars RB Alvin Pearman could be the No. 3 back. His primary value is on special teams. FB Ahmard Hall does the dirty work in the Titans' offense and relishes his role.

RECEIVERS

The Titans have three starter-caliber receivers. Kenny Britt, who doesn't turn 22 until Sept. 19, has the most upside of the group and could become the top wideout this season. The 6-3, 218-pound Britt has excellent size for the position and is an ideal target on slants and jump balls. He runs well, eating up ground quickly with long strides, and he has relatively quick feet for a big guy. He is dangerous after the catch, too. Nate Washington, bothered by a hamstring injury early in the '09 campaign, improved at the end of his first season with the Titans after receiving a lucrative deal to leave the Steelers. He has good body control and deep speed and can stretch the field. However, drops have been an issue for him throughout his career, and he had seven last season. Justin Gage is an effective short-and-intermediate target who can be an deep threat because of his size and leaping ability. Rookie Damian Williams could compete to be the No. 3 or No. 4 receiver; quick, sure-handed and slightly built, he is creative after the catch. Lavelle Hawkins, who played a key role in the Titans' impressive comeback win vs. Arizona, could stick as the fifth receiver. Third-year pro Paul Williams has to show something this summer to make the team. Dominique Edison has good size and speed and will compete for a roster spot. Rookie Marc Mariani will try to make it as a slot receiver and returner. Tennessee has solid depth at tight end. Bo Scaife is a reliable possession receiver but lacks top speed. Jared Cook has that seam-stretching ability and will probably see more playing time this season. Craig Stevens' blocking is his best skill.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is one of the AFC's best lines, one that is very effective opening holes in the running game. OLT Michael Roos is athletic and understands how to continually win at the line of scrimmage. He does not give up many sacks, but he does give up some pressures. All told, he's a Pro Bowl-caliber tackle who has never missed a start in five seasons. The Titans didn't want to let new starting C Eugene Amano test free agency and signed him to a five-year deal in February. Amano, who played left guard the previous two seasons but slides to the middle to replace Kevin Mawae, is a good run blocker who has developed nicely. He can get out in space. Leroy Harris will replace Amano at left guard. He has the requisite strength, athleticism and instincts to play center or even right tackle in a pinch, too. ORG Jake Scott plays a key role in helping a ground game that is rather effective running to its right. ORT David Stewart has long arms and is solid in all phases of the game. Second-year pros Fernando Velasco and Ryan Durand are in the mix to be the top interior lineman off the bench. Michael Otto and athletic Troy Kropog are the reserve tackles.

DEFENSE

The Titans regressed on defense last season, particularly against the pass; only the Lions gave up more yards through the air. They were better against the run, but they weren't dominant like they had the capability to be when Albert Haynesworth clogged the middle of the line in Tennessee's 4-3 scheme. Coordinator Chuck Cecil's first season on the job was a trying one — injuries to the secondary early in the season put the Titans at a disadvantage — but the defense did make some progress late in the year.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is a deep, young, well-coached group of linemen, though there are no stars. DT Tony Brown, who turns 30 in September and is now the elder statesman of the group with DE Kyle Vanden Bosch signing with Detroit, is quick and disruptive and notched a career-high five sacks in 2009. Jovan Haye has been a disap-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@PITT.**	**HOU.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**@JAX.**	**IND.**	**@N.E.**	**JAX.**	**@S.F.**	**BUFF.**	**@HOU.**	**ARIZ.**	**@IND.**	**ST.L.**	**MIA.**	**S.D.**	**@SEA.**	
Score	10-13	31-34	17-24	17-37	9-31	0-59	30-13	34-27	41-17	20-17	20-17	17-27	47-7	27-24	17-42	17-13	
Total net yards	320	449	286	379	245	186	430	315	378	344	532	375	446	364	270	304	5623
Rushing yards	86	240	127	95	90	193	305	152	168	228	163	142	160	128	182	133	2592
Passing yards	234	209	159	284	155	-7	125	163	210	116	369	233	286	236	88	171	3031
Rushing plays	25	25	30	19	21	36	49	34	35	42	23	33	30	31	27	39	499
Sacks allowed	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	2	1	0	15
Had intercepted	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	15
Fumbles lost	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Yards penalized	28	64	15	68	89	55	20	58	75	25	38	50	40	46	74	76	821
Punts	5	5	7	5	4	6	4	5	3	4	4	2	3	5	3	4	69

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	33:38	34:03	32:38	34:07	33:38	39:00	20:17	33:50	28:40	27:41	28:53	27:01	31:57	32:23	39:07	27:38	31:32
Total net yards	357	420	229	442	367	619	330	358	296	340	292	358	240	468	425	309	5850
Rushing yards	36	63	83	137	58	193	217	108	89	57	75	88	80	121	166	140	1711
Passing yards	321	357	146	305	309	426	113	250	207	283	217	270	160	347	259	169	4139
Rushing plays	23	29	31	30	23	30	16	20	20	17	20	27	20	30	40	26	402
Sacks allowed	4	0	3	2	0	2	4	4	2	4	1	0	1	1	1	3	32
Had intercepted	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	5	3	0	1	20
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7
Yards penalized	60	40	25	30	48	40	27	25	65	72	25	40	82	60	45	40	724
Punts	7	6	9	3	4	1	7	3	5	5	6	3	7	3	1	6	76

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Collins	2-1-0	2-4-0	1-3-0	1-10-1	1-(-1)-0	3-(-1)-0							1-(-1)-0				11-15-1
Johnson	15-57-0	16-197-2	22-97-0	16-83-0	9-34-0	17-128-0	24-228-2	25-135-2	26-132-2	29-151-0	18-154-1	27-113-0	28-117-2	29-104-0	21-142-1	36-134-2	358-2006-14
Ringer						7-47-0					1-1-0						8-48-0
Washington		1-14-0							1-1-0								2-15-0
White	8-28-0	6-25-0	7-27-1	2-2-0	10-51-0	6-15-0	13-47-0	4-3-0	3-6-0	2-4-1		2-13-0				1-1-0	64-222-2
Young					1-6-0	2-(-1)-0	12-30-0	5-14-1	5-29-0	11-73-0	4-8-0	4-16-0	1-44-0	2-24-0	6-40-1	2-(-2)-0	55-281-2

PASSING **

Collins	22-35-1 244-1	21-33-1 216-2	15-37-2 170-1	29-48-2 284-1	19-32-1 164-0	2-12-1 (-7)-5							11-19-0 154-1				119-216-8 1225-6
Young					0-3-0 0-0	0-2-1 0-0	15-18-0 125-1	12-19-0 172-0	17-25-1 210-1	12-22-0 116-1	27-43-0 387-1	24-43-1 241-2	6-8-0 132-1	14-27-1 236-3	8-21-2 89-0	17-28-1 171-0	152-259-7 1879-10

RECEIVING

Britt	4-85-0	2-22-0	4-59-0	7-105-0	2-18-0		1-7-0		2-55-0	4-42-1	7-128-1	3-46-1	2-75-0	2-32-0	1-13-0	1-14-0	42-701-3
Cook				2-11-0	3-27-0		1-3-0		1-4-0		2-29-0						9-74-0
Crumpler	2-5-0	4-44-0	4-41-0	3-23-0	3-14-0		2-14-0			2-18-0	1-8-0	2-14-0	4-41-1				27-222-1
Gage	7-78-1	2-27-0	4-37-0	1-15-0	1-7-0		3-41-0	4-97-0						2-43-2		4-38-0	28-383-3
Hall	1-4-0			1-12-0	1-7-0	1-15-0			1-2-0	1-4-0	2-10-0	2-19-0	1-4-0			1-2-0	12-79-0
Hawkins											4-44-0	2-34-0		1-32-0			7-110-0
Johnson	1-11-0	9-87-1	1-8-0	3-11-0	2-9-0		2-11-0	3-25-0	9-100-0		3-32-0	6-28-0	3-69-1	2-55-0	3-37-0	3-20-0	50-503-2
Scaife	5-48-0			3-25-0	4-45-0		4-27-0	2-20-0	2-16-0	4-38-0	5-68-0	5-56-1	4-43-0	5-40-0		2-14-0	45-440-1
Washington	1-8-0	4-36-1	2-25-1	7-66-1	3-37-0	1-(-22)-0	2-22-1	3-30-0	2-33-1	1-14-0	3-68-0	4-44-0	3-54-0	1-32-1	4-39-0	6-83-0	47-569-6
White	1-5-0			1-7-0										1-2-0			3-14-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Derrick Morgan	DE	Georgia Tech	16
3	Damian Williams	WR	USC	77
3	Rennie Curran	OLB	Georgia	97
4	Alterraun Verner	CB	UCLA	104
5	Robert Johnson	FS	Utah	148
6	Rusty Smith	QB	Florida Atlantic	176
6	Myron Rolle	SS	Florida State	207
7	Marc Mariani	WR	Montana	222
7	David Howard	DT	Brown	241

D. MORGAN

pointment the past two seasons after notching six sacks with Tampa Bay in 2007. Jason Jones might overtake Haye as a starter at some point provided he can stay healthy; he missed the majority of last season with a shoulder injury. Jones has considerable upside as a pass rusher; he's quick, has long arms and has nine sacks in just 20 professional games. He's a player to watch. Second-year DT Sen'Derrick Marks also will be a contributor; he has good quickness. He'll have a bigger role this season after Kevin Vickerson was traded to Seattle. Rookie David Howard is a developmental prospect with good athleticism. The Titans have gone young at defensive end, letting Vanden Bosch and Jevon Kearse depart. First-round pick Derrick Morgan could start immediately and has the tools to be a very good all-around end. Morgan is strong and athletic, and he plays exceptionally hard. He should flourish working with respected DL coach Jim Washburn. William Hayes, who took Kearse's starting job last season, was disruptive at times and can develop further. He has become a better student of the game. Jacob Ford may be the Titans' best and fastest pass rusher off the edge. Ex-Eagles DE Jason Babin figures to make his biggest contribution as a situational pass rusher and will be part of the rotation. He has a good burst and is strong. Dave Ball provides some bulk off the bench.

LINEBACKERS

OLB Keith Bulluck, a key starter for the past eight seasons, is coming off a knee injury and was an unrestricted free agent at presstime. If the Titans don't re-sign him, they will have three outside linebackers — Gerald McRath, David Thornton and Will Witherspoon — vying for two spots. Thornton is instinctive, technically sound and smart; he's an asset in pass coverage. The speedy McRath impressed when he got a chance to play last season and has upside to develop further. Witherspoon, who also can play middle linebacker, was a dynamic player at points earlier in his career but is more of a steady starter these days; at the least, he improves the Titans' depth at both spots. RFA MLB Stephen Tulloch has developed into a reliable starter as his understanding of the game has improved. Colin Allred can play both inside and outside and is an asset on special teams. Rookie Rennie Curran has good instincts and very good strength and will vie for a reserve role outside, as will Stanford Keglar, who must improve in his third NFL season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Titans had a world of trouble defending the pass last season. They particularly struggled when CB Cortland Finnegan missed three games before the Week Seven bye. Finnegan is tough, quick and feisty and has become one of the AFC's better cover corners. He really can get on his opponent's nerves; he is one of the few defensive backs who can get a rise out of Texans WR Andre Johnson. The starting spot opposite of Finnegan is up for grabs, with Ryan Mouton, Rod Hood, Alterraun Verner, Jason McCourty and Tye Hill seemingly all having chances. Mouton is quick and strong but struggled as a rookie. Hood has good ball skills. Verner is quick and plays the ball well but lacks recovery speed. Hill has never lived up to the expectations of being a first-round pick four years ago but still has speed. McCourty seemed overmatched at times

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**85 WASHINGTON**	17 D. Williams*	81 P. Williams
OLT	**71 ROOS**	70 Kropog	66 Otto
OLG	**64 L. HARRIS**	77 Durand	
C	**54 AMANO**	64 L. Harris	
ORG	**73 SCOTT**	61 Velasco	
ORT	**76 STEWART**	70 Kropog	66 Otto
TE	**80 SCAIFE**	89 Cook	88 Stevens
WR	**18 BRITT**	12 Gage	87 Hawkins
QB	**10 YOUNG**	5 Collins	8 Simms
RB	**28 C. JOHNSON**	21 Ringer	35 Pearman
FB	**45 HALL**		
DEFENSE			
DLE	**95 HAYES**	93 Babin	
DLT	**91 J. JONES**	75 Haye	
DRT	**97 T. BROWN**	94 Marks	67 D. Howard*
DRE	**96 MORGAN***	78 Ford	98 Ball
LLB	**50 THORNTON**	38 Curran*	
MLB	**55 TULLOCH**	56 Allred	58 Amato
RLB	**51 McRATH**	4 Witherspoon	59 Keglar
LCB	**29 MOUTON**	37 Hood	20 Verner*
RCB	**31 FINNEGAN**	30 McCourty	26 Hill
FS	**33 GRIFFIN**	22 Fuller	32 R. Johnson*
SS	**24 HOPE**	23 Nickey	25 Rolle*
SPECIALISTS			
P	**6 KERN**	3 Schmitt	
PK	**2 BIRONAS**		
H	**6 KERN**		
PR	**17 D. WILLIAMS***	35 Pearman	29 Mouton
KR	**17 D. WILLIAMS***	18 Britt	35 Pearman
LS	**58 AMATO**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Chuck Cecil, *defensive coordinator*; Jeff Fisher, *head coach*; Marty Galbraith, *asst. special teams*; Fred Graves, *wide receivers*; Tim Hauck, *asst. secondary*; Mike Heimerdinger, *offensive coordinator*; Craig Johnson, *quarterbacks*; Dowell Loggains, *offensive quality control*; Alan Lowry, *special teams*; Dave McGinnis, *asst. head coach/linebackers*; Mike Munchak, *offensive line*; Kennedy Pola, *running backs*; Marcus Robertson, *secondary*; Jim Washburn, *defensive line*; Steve Watterson, *asst. head coach/strength and conditioning*; Richie Wessman, *offensive assistant*; John Zernhelt, *tight ends*.

as a rookie. FS Michael Griffin regressed last season, giving up far too many big plays. He can bite on play-action and get caught with his eyes in the backfield, and he must improve as a tackler. However, he has great range and Pro Bowl potential if he bounces back from a down year. SS Chris Hope is well-rounded; solid vs. the run, he has also quietly racked up multiple interceptions in five consecutive seasons. The Titans' third safety, Vincent Fuller, is a key part of the "sub" packages, and he also missed time with injury early last season, further putting stress on the secondary. Rookie Robert Johnson can back up both safety spots but is best in the box. Fellow rookie Myron Rolle, a Rhodes scholar, has outstanding size and character but is too stiff and misses too many tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK Rob Bironas possesses an ideal skill set for the position. He has a strong leg and is accurate from long range; he connected on 5-of-6 attempts from 50 yards or longer in 2009. He is consistent on short attempts, too, hitting better than 90 percent of his field goals inside of 40 yards for his career. P Brett Kern has a strong leg and significantly improved in the 10 games he played with Tennessee after being cut by Denver. His net average improved by nearly seven yards, and only 14 of his 37 punts with the Titans were returned. Damian Williams could take over as the punt returner, with Alvin Pearman and Ryan Mouton also in the mix for the job. Williams, Pearman, Javon Ringer and Kenny Britt can return kickoffs.

SUMMARY

The Titans looked like a playoff team for much of the second half of '09 and could contend for a wild-card spot. However, if Vince Young regresses and the defense can't get more stops, a tumble below .500 in the rugged AFC South is possible. Their greatest strength is that explosive running game, which limits risk, eats up clock and wears down opponents.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
67	Alfred, Kenny	C	6-2	290	R	Washington State	
56	Allred, Colin	LB	6-1	238	3	Baylor	12/2
54	Amano, Eugene	OG-C	6-3	310	7	SE Missouri State	16/15
58	Amato, Ken	LB-LS	6-2	245	8	Montana State	16/0
93	Babin, Jason	DE	6-3	267	7	Western Michigan	12/0
99	Bakhtiari, Eric	DE	6-3	285	1	San Diego	3/0
98	Ball, Dave	DE	6-5	277	6	UCLA	11/1
2	Bironas, Rob	PK	6-0	215	6	Georgia Southern	16/0
42	Blount, LeGarrette	RB	6-0	241	R	Oregon	
18	Britt, Kenny	WR	6-3	218	2	Rutgers	16/6
79	Brown, Kareem	DL	6-4	260	2	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
97	Brown, Tony	DT	6-3	290	6	Memphis	15/15
5	Collins, Kerry	QB	6-5	245	16	Penn State	7/6
89	Cook, Jared	TE	6-5	246	2	South Carolina	14/0
38	Curran, Rennie	LB	5-11	235	R	Georgia	
77	Durand, Ryan	OG	6-5	305	1	Syracuse	0/0
19	Edison, Dominique	WR	6-2	204	2	Stephen F. Austin	5/0
31	Finnegan, Cortland	CB	5-10	188	5	Samford	13/13
78	Ford, Jacob	DE	6-4	256	4	Central Arkansas	15/0
22	Fuller, Vincent	S	6-1	190	6	Virginia Tech	13/1
12	Gage, Justin	WR	6-4	212	8	Missouri	12/10
33	Griffin, Michael	S	6-0	202	4	Texas	16/15
45	Hall, Ahmard	FB	5-11	242	5	Texas	16/7
48	Harris, Gerald	TE	6-1	259	R	Mississippi	
64	Harris, Leroy	OG-C	6-3	302	4	North Carolina State	15/2
87	Hawkins, Lavelle	WR	5-11	190	3	California	10/0
75	Haye, Jovan	DT	6-2	285	6	Vanderbilt	15/15
95	Hayes, William	DE	6-3	272	3	Winston-Salem State	16/11
26	Hill, Tye	CB	5-10	185	5	Clemson	8/3
37	Hood, Rod	CB	5-11	198	8	Auburn	5/4
24	Hope, Chris	S	6-0	208	9	Florida State	16/16
67	Howard, David	DT	6-3	293	R	Brown	
90	Howard, Marcus	DE	6-0	237	2	Georgia	0/0
62	Howell, Nick	OT	6-5	300	R	USC	
28	Johnson, Chris	RB	5-11	200	3	East Carolina	16/16
32	Johnson, Robert	S	6-2	203	R	Utah	
13	Johnson, Stafon	RB	5-11	214	R	USC	
91	Jones, Jason	DT	6-5	280	3	Eastern Michigan	7/0
84	Jones, Mark	WR	5-9	185	7	Tennessee	3/0
72	Joseph, Joe	DT	6-2	300	R	Miami (Fla.)	
59	Keglar, Stanford	LB	6-2	240	3	Purdue	12/0
6	Kern, Brett	P	6-2	215	3	Toledo	16/0
70	Kropog, Troy	OT-OG	6-6	309	2	Tulane	1/0
40	Lewko, Jake	LB	6-1	237	R	Pennsylvania	
36	Lindsay, Dominique	RB	5-10	201	R	East Carolina	
41	Love, Jamar	DB	6-0	190	1	Arkansas	0/0
69	Malecki, John	OG	6-2	298	R	Pittsburgh	
83	Mariani, Marc	WR	6-1	190	R	Montana	
94	Marks, Sen'Derrick	DT	6-2	306	2	Auburn	9/0
60	Matthews, Kevin	C	6-3	298	R	Texas A&M	
72	McCaskill, Nevin	OT	6-4	300	1	Hampton	0/0
30	McCourty, Jason	CB	6-0	193	2	Rutgers	15/3
51	McRath, Gerald	LB	6-3	231	2	Southern Miss	16/5
14	McSwain, Mico	WR	6-0	208	R	North Alabama	
92	Moore, Jay	DE	6-4	280	1	Nebraska	0/0
96	Morgan, Derrick	DE	6-3	266	R	Georgia Tech	
16	Morris, Phillip	WR	6-3	175	1	South Carolina State	0/0
29	Mouton, Ryan	CB	5-9	187	2	Hawaii	14/2
23	Nickey, Donnie	S	6-3	210	8	Ohio State	16/1
66	Otto, Mike	OT	6-5	308	3	Purdue	14/0
35	Pearman, Alvin	RB	5-10	204	5	Virginia	5/0
47	Pfahler, Steve	TE	6-4	250	R	Montana	
21	Ringer, Javon	RB	5-9	205	2	Michigan State	6/0
57	Rivera, Mike	LB	6-2	245	1	Kansas	0/0
25	Rolle, Myron	S	6-2	215	R	Florida State	
71	Roos, Michael	OT	6-7	315	6	Eastern Washington	16/16
46	Rose, Willie	FB	6-1	236	R	Florida Atlantic	
80	Scaife, Bo	TE	6-3	249	6	Texas	14/10
3	Schmitt, Ricky	P-PK	6-3	210	1	Shepherd (W. Va.)	1/0
39	Schommer, Nick	S	6-0	201	1	North Dakota State	0/0
73	Scott, Jake	OG	6-5	295	7	Idaho	16/16
15	Sewall, Bobby	WR	6-0	197	R	Brown	
8	Simms, Chris	QB	6-4	220	8	Texas	3/1
7	Smith, Rusty	QB	6-5	230	R	Florida Atlantic	
88	Stevens, Craig	TE	6-3	255	3	California	12/2
76	Stewart, David	OT	6-7	318	6	Mississippi State	15/15
50	Thornton, David	LB	6-2	225	9	North Carolina	11/11
44	Togafau, Pago	LB	5-11	240	3	Idaho State	2/0
49	Trahan, Patrick	LB	6-2	234	R	Mississippi	
55	Tulloch, Stephen (RFA)	LB	5-11	235	5	North Carolina State	16/13
61	Velasco, Fernando	C-OG	6-4	304	1	Georgia	1/0
20	Verner, Alterraun	CB	5-10	189	R	UCLA	
85	Washington, Nate	WR	6-1	185	6	Tiffin	16/15
17	Williams, Damian	WR	6-1	197	R	USC	
81	Williams, Paul	WR	6-1	205	3	Fresno State	0/0
52	Winborn, Jamie	LB	5-11	230	9	Vanderbilt	2/0
4	Witherspoon, Will	LB	6-1	240	9	Georgia	17/16
10	Young, Vince	QB	6-5	233	5	Texas	12/10

4 JACKSONVILLE Jaguars

2010 PREDICTION: 6-10 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 7-9 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. DEL RIO

HEAD COACH: Jack Del Rio
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Dirk Koetter
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mel Tucker
OWNER: Wayne Weaver
STADIUM: Jacksonville Municipal | **CAPACITY:** 67,164
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This season could be a defining one for the future of the Jaguars in Jacksonville. With another season of poor attendance and home TV blackouts imminent — seven of the team's eight games at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium were blacked out in 2009 — and a head coach and starting quarterback in need of a postseason trip to save their jobs, the pressure to win now has never been higher in North Florida.

Last season, in the midst of a youth movement, the Jaguars battled their way to a surprising 6-4 start. They were in control of their playoff destiny before the wheels fell off, as they dropped five of the final six games, including a four-game skid to end the season. In those four losses, the run defense disappeared, and QB David Garrard twice failed to engineer a game-winning drive in crunch time.

GM Gene Smith, in his first year running the show, was responsible for one of the most successful '09 draft classes in the league. Smith's draft selections produced four starters among the first four picks, and several other rookies made nice contributions.

The Achilles' heel of the '09 Jaguars, however, was their nonexistent pass rush, which produced a franchise-low 14 sacks — the lowest total in the league and fifth-lowest in league history. To his credit, owner Wayne Weaver showed that he is willing to roll the dice in free agency, signing UFA DE Aaron Kampman to a lucrative four-year deal. Jacksonville is hoping Kampman, who is recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered last November, once again can become a top-flight pass rusher.

SPORTPICS

MAURICE JONES-DREW

OFFENSE

Coordinator Dirk Koetter's expertise is in implementing a vertical passing attack, and it appears he finally will be given that opportunity with better personnel in place. Koetter likes using multiple receiver sets and incorporating the tight end to get the ball downfield. While the passing game will be expanded, Maurice Jones-Drew remains the No. 1 weapon. Maximizing Jones-Drew's rare abilities will take the pressure off QB David Garrard and help the offense run more efficiently.

QUARTERBACKS

David Garrard has come under a lot of criticism the past two seasons. Garrard's 15-to-10 touchdown-to-interception ratio last season was far below the production expected from an elite quarterback, which is how Garrard is being paid. Shortly after the season ended, owner Wayne Weaver said he would like Garrard to work harder and become more of a leader. Jack Del Rio also was critical of Garrard, saying that he is a middle-tier quarterback. Physically, Garrard has all the tools. He is big and strong, and has proven to be very durable. Scouts say Garrard can make all the throws, and he possesses a quick release. He is one of the best quarterbacks in the league at moving the chains with his legs. Garrard is not a student of the game, though, and he is too inconsistent and struggles

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

DE Aaron Kampman, LB Freddy Keiaho, LB Kirk Morrison, WR Kassim Osgood.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

DT John Henderson, WR Torry Holt, LB Clint Ingram, DT Rob Meier, OT Tra Thomas.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP RB Maurice Jones-Drew

DEFENSIVE MVP LB Daryl Smith

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
TE Zach Miller

POSITION BATTLE
WR: Open competition

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	A-	C+	C+	C+	B-	C+	B

to see the whole field. The offense is at its best when the running game is effective and Garrard is not asked to do much. Luke McCown was traded to the Jaguars only a week before the start of last season, and he only attempted three passes in '09. The athletic McCown is a solid backup — smart and always prepared.

RUNNING BACKS

Maurice Jones-Drew showed in '09 why the Jaguars could afford to send Fred Taylor packing. Setting career highs in attempts (312), yards (1,391) and TDs (16), Jones-Drew earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl in his first year as the team's bell cow. The Jaguars had a 6-2 record in '09 when Jones-Drew carried the ball at least 20 times. One of the shortest backs in the league, MJD's low center of gravity makes him extremely difficult to tackle with just one defender, and his finishing speed and ability to shake-and-bake make him electric in space. Jones-Drew also answered questions about his durability by starting all 16 games, despite several nagging injuries. He is also an accomplished blocker and receiver. His 53 receptions in '09 were second on the Jaguars. Insiders say second-year RB Rashad Jennings will be more involved in the offense this season. Jennings showed nice progress as a rookie after a slow start. A bigger back than Jones-Drew, Jennings possesses good feet and vision, in addition to nice balance and some shiftiness. Scouts think he can be a nice complement to Jones-Drew as he continues to develop. Greg Jones is an excellent blocking fullback when healthy, but the last two seasons have ended with him on I.R. Jones is not a thumper, but he can get the tough yards and provides another reliable set of hands in the backfield. Thick-framed rookie Deji Karim will be a situational back and provides another option as a kick returner.

RECEIVERS

Mike Sims-Walker had a breakout season for the Jaguars in '09. Sims-Walker is a big, physical, instinctive receiver with great hands, but he lacks the rare speed of a prototypical No. 1 wideout. Several young guys will compete for the spot opposite Sims-Walker. Second-year playmaker Mike Thomas was productive as a rookie and is most valuable using his speed in the slot and on gadget running plays. Troy Williamson needs to stay on the field if he ever wants to shed the underachiever label. Second-year WR Jarett Dillard has terrific hands and can climb the ladder. Tiquan Underwood might be the fastest of the bunch, but he was not big or strong enough to contribute as a rookie. Insiders say Nate Hughes was outstanding in last summer's training camp, but drops early in the season hurt his confidence. Free-agent acquisition Kassim Osgood, a special-teams standout with the Chargers, chose the Jaguars because of the opportunity at receiver. At 6-foot-5, Osgood is the tallest receiver on the roster. Marcedes Lewis is one of the best blocking tight ends in football, but he is inconsistent as a receiver. Ernest Wilford can make the occasional play in the middle of the field. Former college QB Zach Miller is the fastest, most athletic tight end on the roster and has huge upside entering his second season.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Jaguars must improve up front after David Garrard was hit more than any quarterback in the league last season. OLT Eugene Monroe and ORT Eben Britton, the team's first- and second-round picks in '09, have very bright futures. Britton played more like a first-rounder than Monroe, showing tenacity and a mean streak, and he is versatile enough to move inside if needed. Monroe has all the skills to become a dominant left tackle but needs to play harder and finish plays. Entering his 11th season in Jacksonville, C Brad Meester has sound technique and can still make all the calls, but he is nearing the end of the road. Backup C Cecil Newton could push Meester in training camp. OLG Vince Manuwai is very powerful and can dominate when healthy, and the club expects a big season from him now that he's almost two full years removed from tearing two ligaments in his right knee. ORG Uche Nwaneri was up and down in '09, getting walked back at times, and insiders say he could find himself in a position battle with veteran Kynan Forney, a more experienced pass protector. Cameron Stephenson and Paul McQuistan provide solid depth at guard. OT Jordan Black's versatility makes him a valuable backup who can play multiple positions.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Denver	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	Philadelphia	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 3	Indianapolis	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Tennessee	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 14	Houston	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Oakland	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Houston	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Jacksonville

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Indianapolis	(+6.5)	12-14
Sept. 20	Arizona	(-3)	17-31
Sept. 27	At Houston	(+4)	31-24
Oct. 4	Tennessee	(+3)	37-17
Oct. 11	At Seattle	(+1.5)	0-41
Oct. 18	St. Louis	(-9.5)	23-20*
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	At Tennessee	(+3)	13-30
Nov. 8	Kansas City	(-7)	24-21
Nov. 15	At New York Jets	(+6.5)	24-22
Nov. 22	Buffalo	(-8.5)	18-15
Nov. 29	At San Francisco	(+3)	3-20
Dec. 6	Houston	(+2)	23-18
Dec. 13	Miami	(-2)	10-14
Dec. 17	Indianapolis	(+3.5)	31-35
Dec. 27	At New England	(+9.5)	7-35
Jan. 3	At Cleveland	(+2)	17-23

* Overtime

DEFENSE

One of the first objectives of Gene Smith and Jack Del Rio this offseason was to establish a clear identity on "D," and improve the personnel up front. After experimenting with a 3-4 scheme last season that mostly produced poor results, coordinator Mel Tucker will be asked to employ a more traditional, "attack 4-3 defense." The addition of ex-Packers DE Aaron Kampman vastly improves the talent on the edge, and two high draft picks on the interior of the line should help create more pressure. Position battles are expected at "Will" 'backer and both safety positions as the team tries to defend the pass better. It ranked 27th in passing yards allowed and 30th in yards per pass play in '09 and must improve significantly to become a playoff-caliber stop unit.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Gene Smith called the signing of Aaron Kampman a "calculated risk worth tak-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@IND.**	**ARIZ.**	**@HOU.**	**TEN.**	**@SEA.**	**ST.L.**	**@TEN.**	**K.C.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**BUFF.**	**@S.F.**	**HOU.**	**MIA.**	**IND.**	**@N.E.**	**@CLEV.**	
Score	12-14	17-31	31-24	37-17	0-41	23-20	13-30	24-21	24-22	18-15	3-20	23-18	10-14	31-35	7-35	17-23	
Total net yards	228	367	399	442	199	492	330	426	347	310	357	323	217	345	275	328	5385
Rushing yards	114	92	185	137	38	166	217	173	139	102	96	107	95	139	98	131	2029
Passing yards	114	275	214	305	161	326	113	253	208	208	261	216	122	206	177	197	3356
Rushing plays	26	20	32	30	15	38	16	41	32	34	19	36	25	34	25	24	447
Sacks allowed	1	4	0	2	5	3	4	1	2	2	6	4	3	2	2	3	44
Had intercepted	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	10
Fumbles lost	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	13
Yards penalized	24	50	40	30	73	15	27	31	40	50	60	45	10	22	5	20	542
Punts	5	4	3	3	8	4	7	4	4	5	4	3	7	3	4	4	72

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	33:56	31:21	29:08	25:53	34:44	22:13	39:43	23:47	28:53	23:36	30:40	29:53	35:06	24:34	32:25	32:58	29:56
Total net yards	365	383	397	379	379	262	430	301	322	343	284	305	354	369	464	300	5637
Rushing yards	71	118	111	95	143	55	305	60	110	53	52	72	146	61	197	214	1863
Passing yards	294	265	286	284	236	207	125	241	212	290	232	233	208	308	267	86	3774
Rushing plays	31	28	22	19	40	18	49	14	29	18	20	22	40	23	36	49	458
Sacks allowed	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	14
Had intercepted	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	1	0	1	15
Fumbles lost	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	10
Yards penalized	17	58	60	68	10	52	20	10	26	43	5	37	27	40	10	15	498
Punts	2	3	4	5	3	6	4	7	2	4	5	5	5	3	1	3	62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Garrard	4-14-0	4-27-0	5-29-1	8-38-0	1-1-0	4-31-0	3-22-0	9-29-0	6-11-1	6-16-0	2-10-0	8-13-0	6-26-0	2-6-0	4-10-1	5-40-0	77-323-3
Jennings		2-1-0	1-1-0	9-53-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	3-8-0	2-29-1	2-5-0	2-8-0	2-11-0	2-14-0	1-10-0	5-23-0	2-25-0	3-9-0	39-202-1
G. Jones				3-20-0			1-3-0										4-23-0
Jones-Drew	21-97-1	13-66-0	23-119-3	6-14-1	12-34-0	33-133-3	8-177-2	29-97-1	24-123-1	25-66-1	15-75-0	24-76-0	18-59-1	27-110-1	18-63-0	16-82-0	312-1391-15
M. Thomas			3-36-0	3-9-0			1-7-0	1-18-0		1-12-0		2-4-0			1-0-0		12-86-0

PASSING **

Garrard	14-28-0 122-0	23-43-1 282-2	18-30-0 214-0	27-37-0 323-3	18-31-0 188-0	30-43-2 335-0	14-27-2 139-0	18-27-0 264-1	16-26-0 221-1	21-30-1 215-1	25-36-0 307-0	15-28-0 238-2	11-26-0 139-0	23-40-1 223-3	19-25-2 185-0	22-39-1 202-2	314-516-10 3597-15

RECEIVING

Dillard				1-14-0	2-29-0		1-23-0	1-33-0	1-7-0								6-106-0
Holt	3-47-0	6-65-0	3-57-0	3-42-0	7-95-0	5-101-0	2-17-0	4-37-0	2-24-0	3-31-0	4-50-0	2-24-0	2-71-0	3-38-0	2-23-0		51-722-0
Hughes	1-7-0	2-8-0										1-35-1			1-20-0		5-70-1
Jennings			1-8-0			1-(-3)-0	1-1-0	1-9-0			2-25-0	1-8-0	2-(-2)-0	1-5-0	3-19-0	3-31-0	16-101-0
G. Jones	1-9-0		1-(-1)-0					1-0-0	1-4-0	1-2-0							5-14-0
Jones-Drew	5-26-0	4-17-0	4-28-0	3-26-0	5-23-0	5-45-0	1-(-4)-0	3-37-0	2-22-0	4-18-0	5-35-0	1-6-0	2-24-0	5-30-1	3-35-0	1-6-0	53-374-1
Lewis	3-23-0	3-62-1	1-18-0	4-76-1	3-13-0	1-5-0	1-20-0	1-3-0	2-58-0	3-70-0	3-40-0	1-47-0	2-30-0	4-53-0			32-518-2
Miller				3-14-0	1-2-0	1-14-0			1-11-0		1-10-0	3-74-0		1-6-0	2-12-0	8-69-2	21-212-2
Potter																1-3-0	1-3-0
Sims-Walker		6-106-1	6-81-0	7-91-2		9-120-0	2-9-0	6-147-1	3-49-1	8-91-1	4-46-0	1-12-0	1-6-0	6-64-1	2-19-0	2-28-0	63-869-7
M. Thomas			1-10-0	5-31-0	1-28-0	7-52-0	4-55-0	1-(-2)-0	4-46-0	2-3-0	4-62-0	3-21-0	1-5-0	2-20-1	6-57-0	7-65-0	48-453-1
Wilford			1-13-0	1-29-0		1-1-0	2-18-0				2-39-0	2-11-1	1-5-0	1-7-0			11-123-1
Williamson	1-10-0	2-24-0															3-34-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

ing." The Jaguars knew they needed to upgrade the position and believed Kampman's knee injury made him affordable. Kampman fits Smith's mold of hardworking, high-character guys and should be a much better fit back in a 4-3 after trying to adapt to an OLB spot in Green Bay's 3-4 scheme. DT Terrance Knighton was dominant against the run as a rookie. He is as wide as he is tall and easily could have been a first-rounder rather than a third-rounder. The success of Knighton paired with the drafting of Tyson Alualu and D'Anthony Smith with their first two picks led to the release of longtime Jaguar DT John Henderson. Alualu is tough and durable with a motor that always runs. Smith is known for his speed and quickness. Both players upgrade the talent level on the interior. The time is now for third-year DE Derrick Harvey. Historically, the third pro season is the time for pass rushers to flourish. Scouts say Harvey can get upfield, and he does a good job setting the edge, but he needs to get stronger and much more consistently disruptive. Atiyyah Ellison is a good rotational guy who can line up at multiple positions. DE Julius Williams showed flashes in practice, but it did not translate into the games as a rookie. DE Jeremy Navarre makes the most of limited skills. Multiple injuries have resigned DE Reggie Hayward to a backup role, where he adds veteran savvy. Rookie ends Larry Hart and Austen Lane are developmental guys with intriguing upside.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Tyson Alualu	DT	California	10
3	D'Anthony Smith	DT	Louisiana Tech	74
5	Larry Hart	DE	Central Arkansas	143
5	Austen Lane	DE	Murray State	153
6	Deji Karim	RB	Southern Illinois	180
6	Scotty McGee	CB	James Madison	203

T. ALUALU

LINEBACKERS

OLB Daryl Smith will benefit from the draft-day trade that brought MLB Kirk Morrison over from the Raiders in exchange for a fourth-round pick. The deal allows Smith to play "Sam," his natural position. Very talented and versatile, Smith is great in coverage, but is also capable of putting his hand down and rushing the passer. "Mike" 'backer Morrison is a big upgrade over OLB Justin Durant. The productive Morrison is a tackling machine with good speed, durability and a solid football IQ. After the Jaguars rescinded their restricted free-agent tender offer to Clint Ingram in April, Durant became the lead candidate to take the starting "Will" job. He has outstanding speed, which allows him to cover the whole field. Insiders believed he would make more of an impact in '09 (one sack, one forced fumble, one interception), however, and he will be counted on to step up this season. Backup OLB Russell Allen was a very nice surprise as an undrafted rookie. He possesses nice natural instincts and range and has a motor that is always running. Ex-Colt Freddy Keiaho is a dependable run stuffer who could push Durant at the WLB spot.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Rashean Mathis was sidelined for six games in '09 as he dealt with groin and finger injuries. Mathis has missed at least two games each of the past three seasons after starting all 16 games his first four seasons. Once considered one of the league's top corners, Mathis, who still has good speed and playmaking ability, freelances too much, often gambling and losing. CB Derek Cox is coming off an impressive rookie campaign. The fearless Cox has great ball skills and a good combination of size, speed and hitting ability. He led the Jaguars with four interceptions and was third on the team in tackles (72). Both starting safety jobs are open for competition after subpar play and injuries plagued the unit last season. Versatile and athletic SS Ger-

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PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	11 SIMS-WALKER	81 Osgood	87 Dillard
OLT	75 MONROE	78 Black	
OLG	67 MANUWAI	65 Forney	70 Stephenson
C	63 MEESTER	64 Newton	
ORG	77 NWANERI	79 McQuistan	60 Crummey
ORT	73 BRITTON	78 Black	
TE	89 LEWIS	85 Wilford	86 Miller
WR	80 M. THOMAS	84 Williamson	16 Hughes
QB	9 GARRARD	12 McCown	
RB	32 JONES-DREW	23 Jennings	35 Karim*
FB	33 JONES	24 Owens	
DEFENSE			
DLE	91 HARVEY	97 Hayward	92 Lane*
DLT	96 KNIGHTON	93 Alualu*	99 Ellison
DRT	93 ALUALU*	95 D'An. Smith*	99 Ellison
DRE	74 KAMPMAN	90 Williams	59 Hart*
SLB	52 D. SMITH	Keiaho	50 Allen
MLB	55 MORRISON	52 Dar. Smith	
WLB	56 DURANT	53 B. Smith	
CB	27 MATHIS	31 Starks	29 Middleton
CB	21 COX	41 Brackenridge	22 Carey
SS	42 ALEXANDER	37 Considine	
FS	25 NELSON	20 A. Smith	36 Greene
SPECIALISTS			
P	3 PODLESH		
PK	10 SCOBEE		
H	3 PODLESH		
PR	80 M. THOMAS	30 McGee*	
KR	80 M. THOMAS		
LS	48 CAIN		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Ben Albert, *asst. defensive line*; Rob Boras, *tight ends*; Earnest Byner, *running backs*; Johnny Cox, *quality control/offense*; Joe Cullen, *defensive line*; Jack Del Rio, *head coach*; Mark Duffner, *linebackers*; Jason George, *asst. strength and conditioning coach*; Matt Griffin, *offensive staff assistant*; Andy Heck, *offensive line*; Ron Heller, *offensive staff assistant*; Nate Kaczor, *asst. special teams*; Thom Kaumeyer, *asst. defensive backs*; Dirk Koetter, *offensive coordinator*; Todd Monken, *wide receivers*; Russ Purnell, *special-teams coordinator*; Luke Richesson, *strength and conditioning*; Mike Shula, *quarterbacks*; Mel Tucker, *defensive coordinator*; Cory Undlin, *defensive backs*.

ald Alexander played well in '09, but he missed time with neck and shoulder injuries. Scouts say SS Sean Considine is just a guy. The light bulb has yet to come on for talented '07 first-round pick Reggie Nelson, who lost his starting job late in the season after repeated coverage blunders. FS Anthony Smith is a big, physical, old-school type of safety. Whether Smith can be a starter, though, is questionable. Undersized CBs Tyron Brackenridge and Scott Starks both filled in admirably but lack physicality. William Middleton is a top gunner on special teams and provides depth. Don Carey, whom the Jaguars snatched off the Browns' waiver wire, spent last season on injured reserve with a shoulder injury, but the '09 sixth-round pick out of Norfolk State is considered to be a smart player with ability.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Normally dependable PK Josh Scobee is coming off his worst season as a Jaguar. A lot was asked of Scobee, and his consistency suffered, making just 18-of-28 FG attempts for a career-low 64.3 percent. Scobee has a very good leg, though — as his career-best 66.3-yard average per kickoff attests — and he is expected to bounce back. P Adam Podlesh, like Scobee, possesses a strong leg, but he has yet to figure out how to best use it. The explosive Mike Thomas showed flashes as a punt returner last season. Rookies Scotty McGee and Deji Karim also will factor into the return game. The addition of Kassim Osgood strengthens an already-talented coverage unit led by jack-of-all-trades backup FB Montell Owens.

SUMMARY

Jack Del Rio's future, and perhaps the franchise's future in Jacksonville, is tied directly to QB David Garrard and the defense. Like Del Rio, Garrard is on his ninth life. He must prove that '07 was not an anomaly. Del Rio must get much more from a "D" that lacked aggression and tackling fundamentals in '09. In only Year Two of the rebuilding project in the ultracompetitive AFC South, it will take quite an effort for Del Rio and Garrard to be back in 2011.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
42	Alexander, Gerald	S	6-2	204	4	Boise State	15/10
50	Allen, Russell	LB	6-3	234	2	San Diego State	16/5
93	Alualu, Tyson	DT	6-3	294	R	California	
76	Baldridge, Daniel	OT	6-8	311	R	Marshall	
78	Black, Jordan	OT	6-5	305	6	Notre Dame	9/2
44	Bolen, Brock	FB	6-0	233	1	Louisville	3/0
41	Brackenridge, Tyron	CB	5-11	189	3	Washington State	16/5
73	Britton, Eben	OT	6-6	310	2	Arizona	15/15
48	Cain, Jeremy	LS	6-1	245	5	Massachusetts	16/0
22	Carey, Don	CB	5-11	192	1	Norfolk State	0/0
47	Caussin, Mike	TE	6-5	252	R	James Madison	
26	Coe, Michael	CB	6-0	190	3	Alabama State	5/0
37	Considine, Sean	S	6-0	212	6	Iowa	11/6
21	Cox, Derek	CB	6-1	190	2	William & Mary	16/16
60	Crummey, Andrew	OG	6-5	301	2	Maryland	0/0
68	Curry, Walter	DT	6-4	309	1	Albany State	0/0
58	Cutrera, Jacob	LB	6-3	238	R	LSU	
13	Denmark, Clarence	WR	5-11	185	1	Arkansas-Monticello	0/0
87	Dillard, Jarett	WR	5-10	187	2	Rice	7/0
56	Durant, Justin	LB	6-1	240	4	Hampton	13/13
99	Ellison, Atiyyah	DT	6-3	322	3	Missouri	15/6
62	Estes, John	C	6-2	302	R	Hawaii	
65	Forney, Kynan	OG	6-3	302	10	Hawaii	3/0
9	Garrard, David	QB	6-1	236	9	East Carolina	16/16
38	Gordy, Josh	CB	5-11	195	R	Central Michigan	
36	Greene, Courtney	S	6-0	212	2	Rutgers	9/0
83	Harmon, Jason	WR	6-2	214	R	Florida Atlantic	
49	Harrington, Chris	DE	6-5	260	1	Texas A&M	3/0
7	Harris, Trevor	QB	6-2	223	R	Edinboro	
59	Hart, Larry	DE	6-0	248	R	Central Arkansas	
91	Harvey, Derrick	DE	6-5	281	3	Florida	16/16
72	Haslam, Kevin	OT	6-5	304	R	Rutgers	
39	Hawkins, Chris	CB	6-0	186	R	LSU	
97	Hayward, Reggie	DE	6-5	275	10	Iowa State	1/1
16	Hughes, Nate	WR	6-2	195	2	Alcorn State	8/0
23	Jennings, Rashad	RB	6-1	235	2	Liberty	15/0
33	Jones, Greg	FB	6-1	254	7	Florida State	13/7
32	Jones-Drew, Maurice	RB	5-7	208	5	UCLA	16/16
40	Kackert, Chad	RB	5-9	199	R	New Hampshire	
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	260	9	Iowa	9/9
35	Karim, Deji	RB	5-8	209	R	Southern Illinois	
	Keiaho, Freddy	LB	5-11	226	5	San Diego State	16/2
96	Knighton, Terrance	DT	6-3	325	2	Temple	16/16
92	Lane, Austen	DE	6-5	274	R	Murray State	
89	Lewis, Marcedes	TE	6-6	275	5	UCLA	15/15
6	Malone, Robert	P	6-2	234	R	Fresno State	
67	Manuwai, Vince	OG	6-2	333	8	Hawaii	16/16
27	Mathis, Rashean	CB	6-1	193	8	Bethune-Cookman	10/10
12	McCown, Luke	QB	6-4	217	6	Louisiana Tech	3/0
17	McGaha, Chris	WR	6-1	199	R	Arizona State	
30	McGee, Scotty	KR-CB	5-8	182	R	James Madison	
79	McQuistan, Paul	OG	6-6	315	4	Weber State	0/0
63	Meester, Brad	C	6-3	311	11	Northern Iowa	16/16
29	Middleton, William	CB	5-11	194	2	Furman	12/0
86	Miller, Zach	TE	6-4	245	2	Nebraska-Omaha	14/0
94	Mincey, Jeremy	DE	6-3	270	3	Florida	0/0
75	Monroe, Eugene	OT	6-5	320	2	Virginia	15/13
40	Morgan, Aaron	LB	6-4	238	R	Louisiana-Monroe	
55	Morrison, Kirk	LB	6-2	240	5	San Diego State	16/16
46	Navarre, Jeremy	DE	6-3	279	2	Maryland	6/0
25	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	202	4	Florida	16/14
64	Newton, Cecil	C	6-2	310	1	Tennessee State	0/0
77	Nwaneri, Uche	OG	6-3	329	4	Purdue	16/13
81	Osgood, Kassim	WR	6-5	220	8	San Diego State	16/0
24	Owens, Montell	FB	5-10	225	5	Maine	16/0
34	Patrick, Allen	RB	6-1	200	1	Oklahoma	0/0
3	Podlesh, Adam	P	5-11	200	4	Maryland	16/0
88	Potter, Zach	TE	6-7	280	1	Nebraska	1/1
98	Quaye, Kommonyan	DT	6-1	307	R	South Dakota	
10	Scobee, Josh	PK	6-1	210	7	Louisiana Tech	16/0
11	Sims-Walker, Mike	WR	6-2	214	4	Central Florida	15/14
20	Smith, Anthony	S	6-0	200	5	Syracuse	8/2
53	Smith, Bryan	LB	6-2	250	2	McNeese State	6/2
95	Smith, D'Anthony	DT	6-2	298	R	Louisiana Tech	
52	Smith, Daryl	LB	6-2	249	7	Georgia Tech	16/16
45	Stallings, Ben	FB	5-10	248	R	Lambuth (Tenn.)	
31	Starks, Scott	CB	5-9	178	6	Wisconsin	5/0
70	Stephenson, Cameron	OG	6-3	326	1	Rutgers	0/0
80	Thomas, Mike	WR	5-8	198	2	Arizona	14/4
18	Thomas, Roren	WR	5-10	172	R	Lindenwood (Mo.)	
19	Underwood, Tiquan	WR	6-1	178	2	Rutgers	3/0
43	Whitehead, Terrell	S	6-1	194	R	Norfolk State	
85	Wilford, Ernest	TE	6-4	235	7	Virginia Tech	15/7
90	Williams, Julius	DE	6-2	260	2	Connecticut	11/1
84	Williamson, Troy	WR	6-1	203	6	South Carolina	2/1

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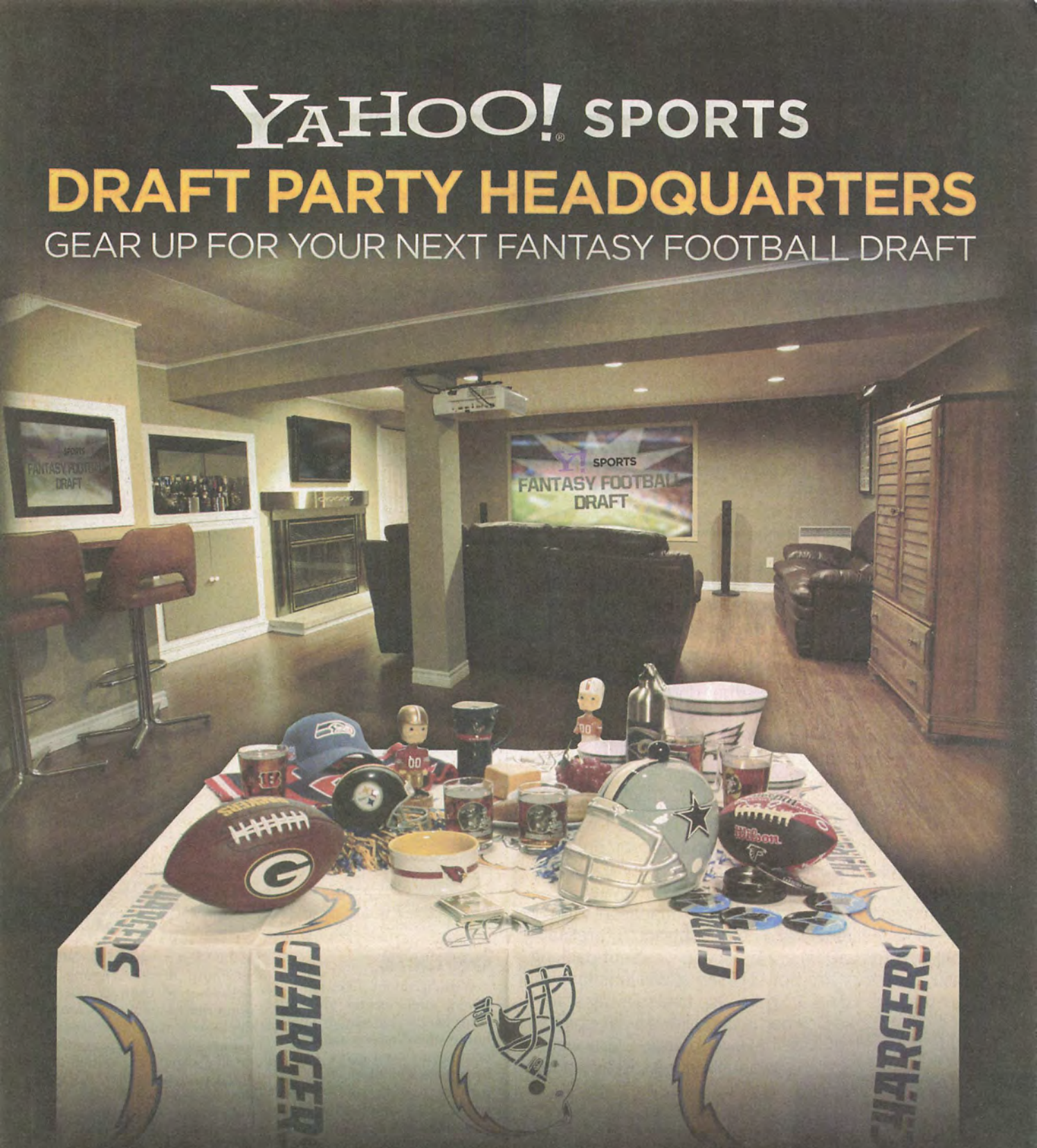

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SAN DIEGO Chargers

2010 PREDICTION: 12-4 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 13-3 *(FIRST PLACE IN AFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

N. TURNER

HEAD COACH: Norv Turner
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Clarence Shelmon
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Ron Rivera
OWNER: Alex G. Spanos
STADIUM: Qualcomm Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 70,000
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.chargers.com

The Chargers enter the 2010 season hoping to bring some of last year's memories with them while leaving others behind.

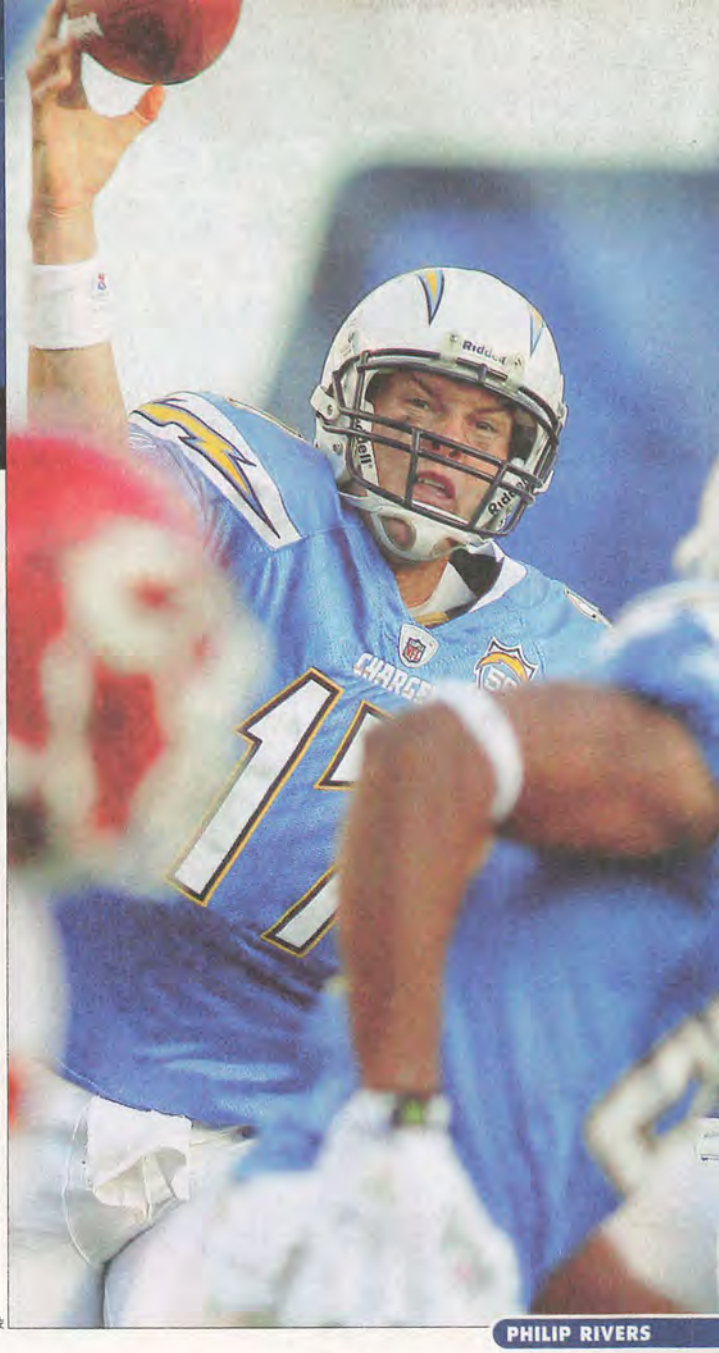
Behind the arm of QB Philip Rivers and a defense that came together under Ron Rivera, the '09 campaign saw the Bolts reel off 11 consecutive victories and look like one of the league's most dominant teams. Finishing 13-3, they easily captured the AFC West and a playoff bye.

However, they also got off to another slow start — something they have become famous for in the Norv Turner era — and ended the season on a truly sour note, collapsing in a divisional-round loss to the Jets. It was a roller coaster ride of a year.

Things didn't slow down in the offseason. With his play declining and a hefty contract, future Hall of Fame RB LaDainian Tomlinson was sent packing, as was former Pro Bowl NT Jamal Williams for similar reasons. GM A.J. Smith also traded away starting CB Antonio Cromartie and allowed WR-special-teams standout Kassim Osgood and TE Brandon Manumaleuna to leave in free agency, meaning the Bolts will be without quite a few familiar faces in '10.

That said, the Chargers still have enough talent in place to be among the top clubs in the NFL, as Rivers leads an extraordinary group of receivers behind a stellar line. And while the "D" has holes to plug, it boasts a supreme LB corps.

Perhaps most importantly for San Diego? Turner finally doesn't have to worry about his job being on the line after signing an extension.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PHILIP RIVERS

OFFENSE

With a talent like Philip Rivers under center and an aging back in LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers naturally became an even more pass-heavy attack in 2009, finishing fifth in passing yards while ranking 31st running the ball. Given their bevy of receiving weapons and lack of a proven lead rusher following L.T.'s release, play-caller Norv Turner and coordinator Clarence Shelmon aren't likely to stray from their plan of airing it out early and often, even though they'd ultimately like to employ a more balanced offense.

QUARTERBACKS

The Chargers are led by one of the finest passers in the NFL in Philip Rivers. Signing a well-deserved contract extension prior to the 2009 season, the 28-year-old QB proceeded to have his second consecutive prolific campaign, piling up 4,254 yards and 28 TDs with just nine interceptions, good for a 104.4 passer rating and a Pro Bowl nod. Rivers has an ideal build at 6-5, 228 pounds, able to see over everyone and survey the entire field. Despite not having a cannon for an arm and possessing an unconventional throwing motion, he has developed one of the best deep balls around. Above all else, Rivers' strongest traits are his accuracy and quick release, allowing him to consistently hit his receivers in stride as soon as they come open. He's

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

CB Donald Strickland, CB Nathan Vasher.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

RB Michael Bennett, CB Antonio Cromartie, ILB Tim Dobbins, TE Brandon Manumaleuna, WR-ST Kassim Osgood, RB LaDainian Tomlinson, QB Charlie Whitehurst, NT Jamal Williams.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Philip Rivers

DEFENSIVE MVP
OLB Shaun Phillips

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Malcom Floyd

POSITION BATTLE
NT: Open competition

P. RIVERS

S. PHILLIPS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A	B	B+	B-	C+	B+	B-	B+

also proven to be extremely durable, starting every game over the past four seasons. And while his decision making has been questionable in the past, it clearly improved in '09. His backup is Billy Volek, an 11-year veteran with starting experience. He doesn't have a big arm and is a bit undersized, but Volek has a firm grasp of the scheme and uses his smarts to operate the offense effectively. Fifth-round rookie Jonathan Crompton will step in as the No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

After watching him have the least productive season of his decorated career, the time finally came for the Chargers to part ways with RB LaDainian Tomlinson this offseason, opening the door for first-round draft pick Ryan Mathews to take over in the backfield. The 2009 FBS leader in rushing yards, Mathews is a compact, physical back who absorbs contact and always keeps his feet moving downhill. He doesn't have elite speed, but he makes up for it with superb vision and a good feel for the game. He's expected to handle early-down and goal-line work. Back to reprise his role as a rotational/third-down back is Darren Sproles. A sensational return man, Sproles also made big plays last season both running and catching the ball, accounting for seven scores from scrimmage. Standing only 5-6 and 185 pounds, he resembles a lightning bug on the football field, cat quick and explosive when he gets in the clear. Sproles is also a skilled receiver, catching the ball with his soft hands and gaining chunks of yardage afterward. His size does prevent him from being a workhorse back and limits him in pass-blocking, however. FBs Jacob Hester and Mike Tolbert each contribute in different ways and give the Bolts a dynamic tandem.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 13	at Kansas City	10:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	Jacksonville	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Seattle	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 17	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	New England	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 31	Tennessee	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	BYE	
Nov. 22	Denver	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Indianapolis	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 5	Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 12	Kansas City	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 16	San Francisco	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Cincinnati	8:20 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Denver	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to San Diego

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 14	At Oakland	(-10.5)	24-20
Sept. 20	Baltimore	(-1)	26-31
Sept. 27	Miami	(-5)	23-13
Oct. 4	At Pittsburgh	(+5.5)	28-38
Oct. 11	BYE		
Oct. 19	Denver	(-3.5)	23-34
Oct. 25	At Kansas City	(-5.5)	37-7
Nov. 1	Oakland	(-16)	24-16
Nov. 8	At New York Giants	(+5)	21-20
Nov. 15	Philadelphia	(-1)	31-23
Nov. 22	At Denver	(-6)	32-3
Nov. 29	Kansas City	(-13.5)	43-14
Dec. 6	At Cleveland	(-13.5)	30-23
Dec. 13	At Dallas	(+3.5)	20-17
Dec. 20	Cincinnati	(-7)	27-24
Dec. 25	At Tennessee	(+1.5)	42-17
Jan. 3	Washington	(-3)	23-20
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 17	New York Jets	(-9)	14-17

RECEIVERS

One of the main reasons for Philip Rivers' success is his remarkable receiving corps. Establishing himself as a No. 1 target was Vincent Jackson, who followed up his big 2008 with an even better '09, hauling in 68-1,167-9. Jackson is a beast of a wideout at 6-5, 230 pounds, and he takes advantage of his frame at every turn, shielding defensive backs and easily outjumping them to regularly make highlight-reel grabs. Using his long stride to get downfield rapidly, he is a dangerous deep threat but also has improved his intermediate route running, making him the complete package. Jackson could be facing a suspension for a DUI conviction, though. The only guy to catch more balls for the Bolts last season was TE Antonio Gates, who had a career-high 1,157 yards on 79 snags with eight TDs. A rare athlete with size, speed and quickness, he can get open both short and long and is a nightmare matchup for defenses. His hulking build makes him a red-zone star and a load to bring down, and his blocking has become better with time. Following the midseason release of WR Chris Chambers in '09, Malcom Floyd stepped in as an effective No. 2 wideout. With nearly the same frame as Jackson's, Floyd exploits smaller corners and has speed to burn, making him a favorite downfield option for Rivers. Legedu Naanee will take over as the primary slot receiver in '10, and San Diego is hoping to finally see some production from Buster Davis.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

After stumbling through much of '08, the Chargers' offensive line regained its stellar form last season, helping the team finish fourth in scoring. Anchoring the line is OLT Marcus McNeill, a 6-7, 336-pound mountain of a man. In addition to being a good athlete, McNeill has long arms and strong hands, which enable him to deliver a potent punch. He has impressive balance to hold off pass rushers, and his power and technique allow him to clear holes in the running game. Next to him is OLG Kris Dielman, a Pro Bowler in each of the last three seasons. He is quick and explosive off the line, using his sturdy base to push defenders back and finish off his blocks. He's also strong, uses his hands well and plays with a mean streak. C Nick Hardwick is the line's leader, but he was absent for most of '09 following an ankle injury and subsequent surgery. When healthy, he's a heady player with good instincts and technique. While not a premier athlete, he understands the game, playing angles and putting himself in position to succeed. ORG Louis Vasquez started 14 games as a rookie and had an up-and-down year. He does a solid job using his monstrous frame to clear out space, but he lacks quickness and endurance. ORT Jeromey Clary is the line's weak link, possessing just adequate skills and probably playing out of position at tackle. Brandyn Dombrowski did an admirable job filling in when Clary was hurt in '09 and could compete for a starting job. When Hardwick was out, the versatile Scott Mruczkowski proved to be a terrific replacement at center.

DEFENSE

San Diego's defense made noticeable strides last season in coordinator Ron Rivera's first full year at the helm. After finishing 31st against the pass in '08, the unit improved to 11th a year ago, also ranking No. 11 in points allowed. Rivera employs an aggressive 3-4 attack that focuses on disguising looks and bringing pressure from unexpected areas. He typically blitzes with OLBs Shaun Phillips and Shawne Merriman but also sometimes brings heat from the DE spot, using the nose

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@OAK.**	**BALT.**	**MIA.**	**@PITT.**	**DEN.**	**@K.C.**	**OAK.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**PHIL.**	**@DEN.**	**K.C.**	**@CLEV.**	**@DALL.**	**CIN.**	**@TEN.**	**WASH.**	
Score	24-20	26-31	23-13	28-38	23-34	37-7	24-16	21-20	31-23	32-3	43-14	30-23	20-17	27-24	42-17	23-20	
Total net yards	317	474	355	251	311	403	346	226	331	348	426	477	341	366	425	364	5761
Rushing yards	77	53	69	16	73	135	100	34	119	203	94	91	73	70	166	50	1423
Passing yards	240	421	286	235	238	268	246	192	212	145	332	386	268	296	259	314	4338
Rushing plays	23	21	28	8	21	36	30	15	28	43	34	32	31	20	40	17	427
Sacks allowed	3	2	2	3	5	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	26
Had intercepted	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	10
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Yards penalized	60	85	20	20	44	59	40	20	31	15	55	5	24	30	45	17	570
Punts	5	2	2	6	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	1	3	4	1	3	52

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	31:37	28:41	32:27	40:20	30:43	27:15	29:31	37:47	29:37	22:08	24:40	30:37	29:55	31:46	20:53	32:33	30:02
Total net yards	366	311	289	497	328	203	180	304	462	271	284	372	347	407	270	341	5232
Rushing yards	148	130	149	177	101	121	99	116	29	115	114	115	108	114	182	66	1884
Passing yards	218	181	140	320	227	82	81	188	433	156	170	257	239	293	88	275	3348
Rushing plays	32	32	31	36	33	30	27	29	13	17	23	22	27	21	27	22	422
Sacks allowed	1	1	1	3	1	5	5	5	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	35
Had intercepted	2	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	14
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	11
Yards penalized	40	32	39	59	48	41	31	104	70	65	25	30	68	55	74	14	795
Punts	4	4	4	2	4	6	4	5	4	3	4	3	3	5	3	5	63

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

M. Bennett		4-19-0	8-18-0													11-28-0	23-65-0
Hester		2-3-0			1-2-0	3-8-0	1-2-0			7-46-0	3-3-0	1-0-0			3-10-0		21-74-0
Rivers	1-(-1)-0	4-10-0	1-5-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	2-18-0	4-(-2)-0	1-15-0	1-(-1)-0		1-4-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	1-(-1)-0		26-50-1
Sproles	9-23-1	10-26-0	18-41-0		1-0-0	5-41-0	5-38-0	1-1-0	2-14-0	9-26-0	9-17-0	7-27-0	7-22-0	3-11-0	5-38-2	2-18-0	93-343-3
Tolbert			1-5-0				2-6-0			7-58-1	4-19-0				11-60-0		25-148-1
Tomlinson	13-55-1			7-15-0	18-70-0	23-71-0	18-56-2	12-22-0	24-96-2	20-73-1	13-39-2	20-64-1	21-50-1	16-59-0	16-59-2	2-1-0	223-730-12

PASSING **

Rivers	24-36-1 252-1	25-45-2 436-2	18-33-0 303-0	21-36-0 254-3	20-33-0 274-1	18-30-0 268-3	16-25-1 249-1	24-36-2 209-3	20-25-0 231-2	17-22-0 145-1	21-28-0 317-2	18-25-0 373-2	21-32-1 272-1	24-38-2 308-3	21-27-0 264-2	9-15-0 99-1	317-486-9 4254-28
Volek											1-1-0 15-0					19-30-1 216-1	20-31-1 231-1

RECEIVING

M. Bennett		2-3-0														4-62-0	6-65-0
Chambers		2-30-0		4-39-1	2-33-0		1-20-0										9-122-1
Floyd	1-17-0	1-45-0	2-65-0		3-51-0	2-9-1	2-64-0	2-29-0	3-45-0	4-38-0	3-85-0	3-30-0	3-40-0	4-63-0	3-55-0	9-140-0	45-776-1
Gates	5-83-0	5-78-0	5-64-0	9-124-2	5-70-0	5-55-0	3-49-0	5-67-0	7-78-0	3-41-0	7-118-2	8-167-0	4-44-1	4-33-1	3-74-1	1-12-1	79-1157-8
Hester	1-5-0							1-3-0		3-0-0	1-3-0			1-5-0	2-8-0		9-24-0
V. Jackson	5-56-1	6-141-1	5-120-0	4-56-0	4-46-1	5-142-1	8-103-1	5-58-2	1-10-0	4-56-0	2-27-0	2-54-0	7-120-0	5-108-2	5-70-0		68-1167-9
Naanee	5-49-0	1-8-0	4-40-0	2-20-0			1-5-0	3-20-0	3-42-1	1-2-1			1-16-0	1-15-0	2-25-0		24-242-2
Sproles	5-43-0	7-124-1	2-14-0	1-16-0	1-4-0	3-58-1	1-8-0	5-22-0	4-31-0	1-7-0	5-66-0	4-56-1	1-3-0	3-22-0	2-23-1		45-497-4
Tolbert					2-40-0	1-2-0			2-25-1	1-1-0	2-17-0	1-66-1	3-19-0	1-2-0	1-11-0	3-9-1	17-192-3
Tomlinson	1-1-0			1-(-1)-0	3-30-0	2-2-0		2-8-0			1-5-0	1-21-0	1-9-0	4-58-0	2-4-0	2-17-0	20-154-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

tackle to occupy multiple blockers in the middle.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Depth is an issue on the Chargers' D-line, which is led by DE Luis Castillo. The 26-year-old is a stellar athlete with a non-stop motor. He fits perfectly as a "30" front end, establishing good leverage to hold the edge against the run and using his speed and power to rush the passer. Boosting his sack total (two in '09) will be essential. Opposite Castillo is Jacques Cesaire, a quick, instinctive player who started 13 games last season. Despite Cesaire's struggles to get to the QB a year ago, he is a talented pass rusher and possesses a flurry of moves. A bit undersized, he's not an adept run stopper. Skilled backup Ryon Bingham will return after sitting out all of '09 with a torn triceps, and veteran Alfonso Boone also will be part of the rotation, as will intriguing second-year player Vaughn Martin and the versatile Travis Johnson. Inside, the Bolts need to find a replacement for longtime NT Jamal Williams, who was cut in the offseason.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Ryan Mathews	RB	Fresno State	12
3	Donald Butler	ILB	Washington	79
4	Darrell Stuckey	SS	Kansas	110
5	Cam Thomas	DT	North Carolina	146
5	Jonathan Crompton	QB	Tennessee	168
7	Dedrick Epps	TE	Miami (Fla.)	235

R. MATHEWS

Youngster Ogemdi Nwagbuo saw time in the starting lineup last season, as did the experienced Ian Scott. Fifth-round rookie Cam Thomas eventually could be the primary nose, but the spot likely will come down to a battle in training camp.

LINEBACKERS

The strength of the Chargers' "D" is at this level, as they boast a deep, talented group of linebackers. Their outside tandem of Shaun Phillips and Shawne Merriman is one of the league's best. Phillips has exceptional burst, quickness and agility off the snap and uses his speed to get around linemen and sack the quarterback, as he did seven times last season, also forcing seven fumbles. He pursues ballcarriers well and can make tackles in the open field, lacking only when it comes to fighting off blockers. Merriman, meanwhile, returned in '09 from reconstructive knee surgery which cost him nearly an entire season. Because of foot and groin injuries, he did not look like the same player, missing the rare speed and burst he previously showed. Entering '10, almost two years removed from the knee procedure, the intense, high-energy 'backer should be close to full strength, making him a serious threat to opposing passers. Reserves on the outside include Larry English, an '09 first-rounder who did little as a rookie but is seen as Merriman's eventual replacement, pass-rush specialist Jyles Tucker and Antwan Applewhite. ILB Stephen Cooper is a tackling machine, racking up a team-high 102 last year. He's not very big but has impressive reaction time against the run, using his hands to get around blocks quickly and make plays in crowds. Next to him is Kevin Burnett, who excels in coverage, anticipating routes, closing rapidly and breaking up passes. He can have trouble defending the run and tackling, however. Brandon Siler and third-round rookie Donald Butler will provide quality depth inside.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

San Diego's secondary took a big step forward last season but will have a different look in 2010. Gone is CB Antonio Cromartie, deemed a locker-room distraction and dealt to the Jets. Still around is Quentin Jammer, who is the star of the unit and is coming off a sensational '09. The strong ninth-year veteran likes to be physical at the line, jamming receivers initially, then mirroring them down the field. With the ability to read routes and QBs, he often makes plays on the ball and rarely gives up yards after the

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**80 FLOYD**	11 Naanee	12 Banks
OLT	**73 McNEILL**	75 Clark	
OLG	**68 DIELMAN**	63 Mruczkowski	
C	**61 HARDWICK**	63 Mruczkowski	60 McDonald
ORG	**65 VASQUEZ**	69 Green	
ORT	**66 CLARY**	62 Dombrowski	
TE	**85 GATES**	88 Kr. Wilson	Epps*
WR	**83 V. JACKSON**	84 Davis	
QB	**17 RIVERS**	7 Volek	Crompton*
RB	**MATHEWS***	43 Sproles	29 Mason
FB	**22 HESTER**	35 Tolbert	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**74 CESAIRE**	97 Bingham	96 T. Johnson
NT	**91 NWAGBUO**	98 Scott	Thomas*
DRE	**93 CASTILLO**	70 Boone	92 Martin
LOLB	**95 PHILLIPS**	94 Tucker	90 Applewhite
LILB	**54 COOPER**	Butler*	
RILB	**99 BURNETT**	59 Siler	46 Beckwith
ROLB	**56 MERRIMAN**	52 English	
LCB	**23 JAMMER**	30 Strickland	24 D. Hughes
RCB	**20 CASON**	31 Vasher	36 B. Hughes
SS	**25 ELLISON**	28 Gregory	Stuckey*
FS	**32 WEDDLE**	27 Oliver	41 Spillman
SPECIALISTS			
P	**5 SCIFRES**		
PK	**10 KAEDING**		
H	**5 SCIFRES**		
PR	**43 SPROLES**		
KR	**43 SPROLES**		
LS	**50 BINN**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Rob Chudzinski, *asst. head coach/tight ends;* Steve Crosby, *special teams;* Cris Dishman, *asst. secondary;* Steve Gera, *coaches assistant/football analyst;* Hal Hunter, *offensive line;* Jeff Hurd, *strength and conditioning;* Don Johnson, *defensive line;* Charlie Joiner, *wide receivers;* John Pagano, *linebackers;* John Ramsdell, *quarterbacks;* Ron Rivera, *defensive coordinator;* Clarence Shelmon, *offensive coordinator;* Vernon Stephens, *asst. strength and conditioning;* Mike Sullivan, *offensive line;* Norv Turner, *head coach;* Steven Wilks, *secondary;* Greg Williams, *asst. linebackers;* Ollie Wilson, *running backs.*

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
	Ajirotutu, Seyi	WR	6-3	204	R	Fresno State	
90	Applewhite, Antwan	OLB	6-3	246	3	San Diego State	1/0
12	Banks, Gary	WR	6-0	193	1	Troy	0/0
46	Beckwith, Darry	ILB	6-0	234	1	LSU	0/0
97	Bingham, Ryon	DL	6-3	303	6	Nebraska	0/0
50	Binn, David	LS	6-3	228	17	California	16/0
	Bond, Brady	OT	6-6	299	R	Oklahoma State	
70	Boone, Alfonso	DE	6-3	305	10	Mt. San Antonio J.C.	13/4
44	Brinkley, Curtis	RB	5-9	208	1	Syracuse	0/0
	Brockel, Richard	TE	6-2	240	R	Boise State	
99	Burnett, Kevin	ILB	6-3	240	6	Tennessee	11/8
	Butler, Donald	ILB	6-1	245	R	Washington	
20	Cason, Antoine	CB	6-0	190	3	Arizona	16/1
93	Castillo, Luis	DE	6-3	290	6	Northwestern	14/14
74	Cesaire, Jacques	DE	6-2	295	8	So. Connecticut St.	13/13
75	Clark, Corey	OT	6-5	325	2	Texas A&M	1/0
66	Clary, Jeromey	OT	6-6	320	4	Kansas State	10/10
54	Cooper, Stephen	ILB	6-1	235	8	Maine	16/16
	Crompton, Jonathan	QB	6-3	222	R	Tennessee	
84	Davis, Buster	WR	6-1	210	4	LSU	1/1
68	Dielman, Kris	OG	6-4	320	8	Indiana	16/16
62	Dombrowski, Brandyn	OT-OG	6-5	323	2	San Diego State	16/8
25	Ellison, Kevin	S	6-1	221	2	USC	13/9
52	English, Larry	OLB	6-2	255	2	Northern Illinois	16/2
	Epps, Dedrick	TE	6-3	246	R	Miami (Fla.)	
	Farr, Dajleon	TE	6-4	248	R	Memphis	
80	Floyd, Malcom (RFA)	WR	6-5	225	5	Wyoming	16/9
71	Garay, Antonio	DT	6-3	303	4	Boston College	2/0
85	Gates, Antonio	TE	6-4	260	8	Kent State	16/16
	Goodman, Richard	WR	6-0	192	R	Florida State	
69	Green, Tyronne	OG	6-2	308	2	Auburn	4/0
28	Gregory, Steve	S	5-11	195	5	Syracuse	16/6
	Hansen, Jeff	C-OG	6-3	301	R	Montana State	
61	Hardwick, Nick	C	6-4	295	7	Purdue	3/3
22	Hester, Jacob	FB	5-11	235	3	LSU	15/10
53	Holt, James	OLB	6-2	223	2	Kansas	9/0
26	Hughes, Brandon	CB	5-11	181	2	Oregon State	0/0
24	Hughes, Dante	CB	5-10	190	4	California	1/0
	Jackson, Cory	FB	6-0	249	R	Maryland	
	Jackson, Jordyn	WR	5-11	190	R	Eastern Oregon	
83	Jackson, Vincent (RFA)	WR	6-5	230	6	Northern Colorado	15/15
23	Jammer, Quentin	CB	6-0	204	9	Texas	16/16
	Jeffries, Justin	OT	6-4	320	R	Kentucky	
	Johnson, Cort	P	5-11	180	R	West Texas A&M	
96	Johnson, Travis (RFA)	DL	6-3	311	6	Florida State	13/0
72	Jones, Derrick	DE	6-4	315	1	Grand Valley State	0/0
10	Kaeding, Nate	PK	6-0	187	7	Iowa	16/0
	Lang, Brandon	LB	6-3	266	R	Troy	
34	Latsko, Billy	FB	5-10	233	1	Florida	0/0
92	Martin, Vaughn	DE	6-4	320	2	Western Ontario	10/0
29	Mason, Marcus	RB	5-9	215	3	Youngstown State	10/0
	Mathews, Ryan	RB	5-11	220	R	Fresno State	
60	McDonald, Ryan	C	6-4	293	1	Illinois	0/0
	McNeal, Shawnbrey	RB	5-9	194	R	Southern Methodist	
73	McNeill, Marcus (RFA)	OT	6-7	336	5	Auburn	16/16
56	Merriman, Shawne (RFA)	OLB	6-4	265	6	Maryland	14/14
63	Mruczkowski, Scott	C-OG	6-5	325	6	Bowling Green State	14/13
11	Naanee, Legedu	WR	6-2	220	4	Boise State	15/1
	Novak, Nick	PK	5-11	191	4	Maryland	0/0
91	Nwagbuo, Ogemdi	DT	6-4	303	2	Michigan State	12/5
27	Oliver, Paul	S	5-11	210	4	Georgia	16/3
	Otterson, Ryan	OT	6-5	275	R	Wyoming	
95	Phillips, Shaun	OLB	6-3	262	7	Purdue	16/16
	Richmond, Nic	OT	6-8	322	R	TCU	
17	Rivers, Philip	QB	6-5	228	7	North Carolina State	16/16
5	Scifres, Mike	P	6-2	221	8	Western Illinois	16/0
98	Scott, Ian	DT	6-3	315	8	Florida	12/7
59	Siler, Brandon	ILB	6-2	239	4	Florida	16/6
	Simmons, Traye	CB	5-8	180	R	Minnesota	
	Smith, Ernest	WR	6-3	195	R	Baylor	
41	Spillman, C.J.	S	6-0	196	2	Marshall	5/1
43	Sproles, Darren	RB-KR	5-6	185	6	Kansas State	16/2
30	Strickland, Donald	CB	5-10	185	8	Colorado	9/2
	Stuckey, Darrell	S	5-11	205	R	Kansas	
	Thomas, Cam	DT	6-4	330	R	North Carolina	
	Thompson, Marcel	WR	6-2	204	R	Lindenwood (Mo.)	
35	Tolbert, Mike	FB	5-9	243	3	Coastal Carolina	16/1
94	Tucker, Jyles	OLB	6-3	258	4	Wake Forest	7/0
31	Vasher, Nathan	CB	5-10	187	7	Texas	15/2
65	Vasquez, Louis	OG	6-5	325	2	Texas Tech	14/14
7	Volek, Billy	QB	6-2	214	11	Fresno State	4/0
	Walters, Bryan	WR	6-1	188	R	Cornell	
32	Weddle, Eric	S	5-11	200	4	Utah	13/13
	Williams, Jeremy	WR	6-0	206	R	Tulane	
	Wilson, Kion	LB	6-0	239	R	South Florida	
88	Wilson, Kris	TE	6-2	245	7	Pittsburgh	16/0

catch. He's also willing to help against the run and is a form tackler. Replacing Cromartie is Antoine Cason, a first-rounder in '08 who has mainly played the nickel. He stays with receivers, can change direction quickly and has tremendous ball skills, giving him all the tools to be a quality starting corner. He lacks every-down experience, though. With minimal depth at the position, the Bolts brought in veterans Nathan Vasher and Donald Strickland this offseason. At free safety, Eric Weddle is an instinctive player and hard hitter who can either play deep or near the line. He's not the most athletic talent, but he can close on the ball quickly and work through traffic to pursue ballcarriers. SS Kevin Ellison was up and down as a rookie and is not very fast, but he is smart, aggressive and solid defending the run. Steve Gregory and Paul Oliver are top-flight backups, and fourth-rounder Darrell Stuckey could see some time, as well.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Darren Sproles is one of the game's premier returners, possessing blazing speed and nifty moves that make him nearly untouchable in the open field. He appeared somewhat hesitant in '09, though, and didn't create as many big plays. Accurate PK Nate Kaeding earned a Pro Bowl nod after connecting on 32-of-35 field-goal attempts, and his range is improving. However, his season will be remembered for the clutch kicks he missed in the playoffs. P Mike Scifres remains extraordinary at his craft, booming punts high and deep with his big leg but also making them stop on a dime. The loss of Pro Bowl special-teamer Kassim Osgood will hurt the coverage units.

SUMMARY

With a number of key players set to become free agents after the season, the Chargers' window of opportunity could be closing quickly. However, they still have one of the most talent-laden rosters in the NFL and should remain the class of the AFC West for at least another year. However, can they finally get over that postseason hump?

2 DENVER Broncos

2010 PREDICTION: 6-10 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 8-8 *(SECOND PLACE IN AFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. McDANIELS

HEAD COACH: Josh McDaniels
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike McCoy
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Don Martindale
OWNER: Pat Bowlen
STADIUM: Invesco Field at Mile High | **CAPACITY:** 76,125
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.denverbroncos.com

In a little more than one year on the job, Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels has managed to alienate some people, including a few of his own players, while others outside the organization have questioned him, criticized him and, on occasion, applauded him.

There are many phrases to describe his tenure thus far. Low-key is not one of them.

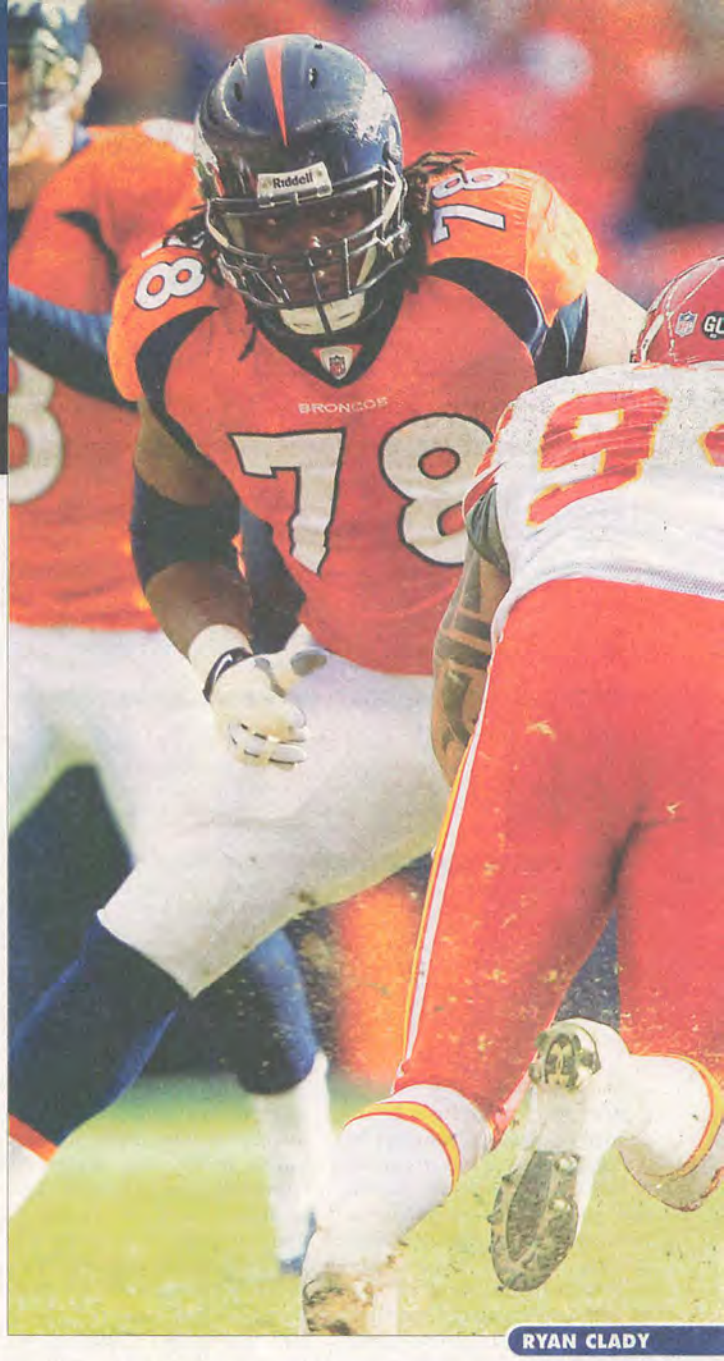
McDaniels publicly feuded with the sometimes disruptive Brandon Marshall and came to a "mutual agreement" to part ways with defensive coordinator Mike Nolan after he ran a successful transition to a new scheme.

Then there was what happened on the field. Denver started 6-0, and McDaniels fist-pumped with all his might in celebration before the club unraveled. The Broncos dropped eight of their final 10 games and missed the playoffs.

His second offseason hasn't been much quieter. McDaniels made a swap with the Browns to acquire QB Brady Quinn, who is expected to open the season as incumbent starter Kyle Orton's backup, traded Marshall to Miami and drafted QB Tim Tebow in the first round.

McDaniels offers no apologies to his critics. His intense, fiery style isn't for everyone, but he did manage to get the most out of his team for a significant chunk of last season.

In a division that features the perennial champions, the Chargers, the Broncos will need a more consistent showing in 2010 to make a run in the AFC West.


RYAN CLADY

OFFENSE

Mike McCoy is the Broncos' coordinator and QB coach, but Josh McDaniels calls the plays. There are hallmarks of McDaniels' offense — allowing the quarterback to make his own decisions before and after the snap, using tight ends to block rather than receive and spreading the field with multiple-receiver sets — but he will adjust his strategy depending on what he sees from the defense. The Broncos are in the process of moving toward a power-blocking scheme rather than the more finesse zone-style employed under Mike Shanahan.

QUARTERBACKS

Josh McDaniels called Kyle Orton shortly after acquiring Brady Quinn to tell him he was still the starter. Orton may not be in danger of being replaced in the near future, but McDaniels is developing three quarterback behind him. Orton played well for much of 2009 — he set career highs in completion percentage, yards and touchdowns — but faltered late in the season. He's playing on a one-year deal and will need to show improvement to prove he's worthy of a long-term commitment from the team. Orton is a smart, hardworking, accurate technician who has the arm strength to throw deep. He's not very mobile or athletic, though. Quinn is much more gifted athletically than Orton, but he did not play well when given

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

ILB Akin Ayodele, DE Justin Bannan, DE Jarvis Green, CB Nathan Jones, QB Brady Quinn, NT Jamal Williams.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

ILB Andra Davis, RB Peyton Hillis, RB LaMont Jordan, WR Brandon Marshall, DE Kenny Peterson, TE Tony Scheffler QB Chris Simms, C Casey Wiegmann.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP RB Knowshon Moreno

DEFENSIVE MVP OLB Elvis Dumervil

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER OLB Robert Ayers

POSITION BATTLE C: Seth Olsen vs. J.D. Walton

K. MORENO

E. DUMERVIL

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	B-	C+	C	C	C+	B+	C-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	Indianapolis	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	New York Jets	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 31	at San Francisco (London)	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 14	Kansas City	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 22	at San Diego	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 26	Houston	4:05 p.m.
Jan. 2	San Diego	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Denver

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Cincinnati	(+4.5)	12-7
Sept. 20	Cleveland	(-3)	27-6
Sept. 27	At Oakland	(-2.5)	23-3
Oct. 4	Dallas	(+2.5)	17-10
Oct. 11	New England	(+3)	20-17*
Oct. 19	At San Diego	(+3.5)	34-23
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	At Baltimore	(+4.5)	7-30
Nov. 9	Pittsburgh	(+3)	10-28
Nov. 15	At Washington	(-3.5)	17-27
Nov. 22	San Diego	(+6)	3-32
Nov. 26	New York Giants	(+5)	26-6
Dec. 6	At Kansas City	(-6)	44-13
Dec. 13	At Indianapolis	(+6.5)	16-28
Dec. 20	Oakland	(-14)	19-20
Dec. 27	At Philadelphia	(+7)	27-30
Jan. 3	Kansas City	(-9)	24-44

* Overtime

the opportunity in Cleveland. He has a chance to turn his career around playing in an offense with terminology similar to the one he played in at Notre Dame. Quinn has a strong arm, but he has struggled with accuracy. McDaniels gave up three draft picks to trade back into the first round and draft Tim Tebow, who is going to need time to refine his throwing motion. McDaniels is enamored with Tebow's work ethic, mental toughness and leadership skills. There are plenty of doubters when it comes to Tebow's chances of succeeding as a quarterback at the next level, but the Broncos have said he won't be changing positions.

RUNNING BACKS

The vast majority of the Broncos' rushing attempts will go to RBs Knowshon Moreno and Correll Buckhalter — a 1-2 punch that proved quite effective at times last season. Denver rebuilt the interior of its offensive line in the offseason to put bulkier, more powerful blockers in place, so the team may opt to run up the middle more often in 2010. Moreno, the Broncos' top pick in '09, sputtered late last season and only averaged 3.8 yards per carry. He still needs to prove he can handle a heavy workload for an entire season, but he appears to have the work ethic and drive necessary to do it and will continue to be the featured back. Moreno looked like more of a power back than an elusive breakaway runner as a rookie. Buckhalter, while nine years older than Moreno, looked like the more explosive back last season. He's a multi-purpose back that can create in space. Buckhalter will get caught from behind in the open field, though, and durability is a concern with him. J.J. Arrington, who sat out last season while recovering from microfracture surgery on his knee, is expected to compete for a role as a third-down back.

RECEIVERS

The Broncos use multiple-receiver sets frequently, and Josh McDaniels is a proponent of finding the open man rather than trying to force the ball to the most talented receiver on the field. While Denver may not miss some of Brandon Marshall's antics, it will be difficult to replace his production. First-round pick Demaryius Thomas was drafted to fill the role Marshall played. Thomas has great size and length, like Marshall does, and is strong enough to break through arm tackles. Some scouts are skeptical that he'll ever become more than a No. 2 receiver because he has a tendency to drop catchable passes and lacks consistent separation speed. Eddie Royal had a very disappointing follow-up performance to a promising rookie campaign. McDaniels has expressed interest in getting him more involved this season, and some still think he could develop into a Wes Welker-like weapon. Jabar Gaffney may not have the skill set of a dynamic No. 1 receiver, but he's a smart veteran who can make the occasional big play. Third-round pick Eric Decker will get a chance to develop into a complementary target. He doesn't have ideal speed and will struggle to separate, but he's tough, has good size and can elude tacklers. The Broncos don't use their tight ends as receivers much, which made Tony Scheffler, who was traded to Detroit in April, a bit of an outcast last season. Daniel Graham, a dependable blocker, is the team's top tight end, and the well-built Richard Quinn could get more involved after not playing much as a rookie last season.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Denver has one of the best tandems of offensive tackles in the league in OLT Ryan Clady and ORT Ryan Harris. At 23 and 25, respectively, this duo could be bullying defensive linemen for many years to come. Some consider Clady, an elite athlete for a tackle, to be one of the best in the game at his position, but he was not quite as dominant in 2009 after allowing just a half sack as a rookie. He suffered a partially torn patellar tendon while playing basketball in the offseason and it required surgery. He could be sidelined for much of the summer. Clady isn't overwhelmingly powerful, but he plays with good leverage and knee bend. Harris' value became even more apparent last season, when he missed time with a toe injury. The O-line was not as effective without him. He will be beat by quick-twitch pass rushers on occasion, but usually slides well to seal off his side. To Harris' left is ORG Chris Kuper, who is agile for his size and can shock defenders with his punch. Center and left guard are open to competition as of this writing. OGs Russ Hochstein and Seth Olsen are the front-runners for those spots and two versatile rookies — second-rounder OG Zane Beadles and third-rounder C J.D. Walton — will also get the chance to compete. Olsen has the size and toughness to play inside, but he needs to get stronger. Beadles can play any position on the line. Walton lacks bulk and could get pushed around by large nose tackles.

DEFENSE

Don "Wink" Martindale, who served as Denver's LB coach last season, was promoted to defensive coordinator after Mike Nolan departed to join the Dolphins' staff in January. Josh McDaniels said the team's defensive philosophy and scheme will not change under Martindale, so Denver will continue to play a 3-4 base. There was some talk that the Broncos would scale back on blitzing following the coordinator change, but that remains to be seen. They bolstered their

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@CIN.**	**CLEV.**	**@OAK.**	**DALL.**	**N.E.**	**@S.D.**	**@BALT.**	**PITT.**	**@WASH.**	**S.D.**	**N.Y.G.**	**@K.C.**	**@IND.**	**OAK.**	**@PHIL.**	**K.C.**	
Score	12-7	27-6	23-3	17-10	20-17	34-23	7-30	10-28	17-27	3-32	26-6	44-13	16-28	19-20	27-30	24-44	
Total net yards	302	449	372	337	424	328	200	242	305	271	373	413	357	337	241	512	5463
Rushing yards	75	186	215	116	103	101	66	27	120	115	138	245	95	80	70	84	1836
Passing yards	227	263	157	221	321	227	134	215	185	156	235	168	262	257	171	428	3627
Rushing plays	20	37	45	25	25	33	19	14	22	17	40	45	30	28	18	22	440
Sacks allowed	3	0	0	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	34
Had intercepted	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	13
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Yards penalized	39	50	30	81	20	48	35	25	45	65	61	20	65	67	95	54	800
Punts	8	2	2	6	5	4	8	7	4	3	3	3	4	6	7	6	78
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	33:27	27:16	23:45	33:07	26:15	29:17	33:37	33:03	35:43	37:52	24:30	24:05	28:33	31:26	30:43	26:57	29:59
Total net yards	307	200	137	315	305	311	292	375	388	348	267	222	312	343	394	524	5040
Rushing yards	86	54	95	74	96	73	125	173	174	203	57	94	92	241	105	317	2059
Passing yards	221	146	42	241	209	238	167	202	214	145	210	128	220	102	289	207	2981
Rushing plays	27	21	23	25	27	21	35	29	40	43	16	26	28	34	28	35	458
Sacks allowed	3	4	3	5	1	5	2	3	3	0	3	2	0	1	4	0	39
Had intercepted	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	2	17
Fumbles lost	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	13
Yards penalized	27	43	53	70	46	44	94	28	19	15	45	25	20	62	59	76	726
Punts	7	6	4	6	5	3	4	5	4	3	5	7	5	4	5	3	76

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Buckhalter	8-46-0	9-76-1	14-108-0	6-37-0		10-46-0	8-16-0	9-24-0	2-11-0	7-35-0	20-51-0	12-113-0	4-19-0		5-42-0	6-18-0	120-642-1
Hillis	1-2-0	1-2-1	2-1-0									7-47-0	1-2-0		1-0-0		13-54-1
Jordan	2-5-0	7-19-0	6-12-0	2-14-0	3-9-0									5-27-0			25-86-0
Marshall		1-14-0	1-5-0		1-6-0				1-9-0			1-2-0			2-3-0		7-39-0
Moreno	8-19-0	17-75-0	21-90-1	14-65-0	21-88-0	18-44-0	10-39-1	5-3-0	18-97-0	10-80-0	19-88-1	21-86-2	23-63-0	19-42-0	9-18-0	14-50-2	247-947-7
Orton	1-3-0	2-0-0	1-(-1)-0	3-0-0		5-11-0	1-11-0		1-3-0		1-(-1)-0		2-11-0	4-11-0	1-7-0	2-16-0	24-71-0

PASSING **

Orton	17-28-0	19-37-0	13-23-0	20-29-0	35-48-1	20-29-0	23-37-0	23-38-3	11-18-0	15-29-1	18-28-1	15-25-1	29-41-1	19-34-0	27-41-1	32-56-3	336-541-12
	243-1	263-1	157-1	243-2	330-2	229-2	152-0	221-0	193-2	171-0	245-1	180-2	277-2	278-1	189-3	431-1	3802-21
Simms									3-13-1	2-4-0							5-17-1
									13-0	10-0							23-0

RECEIVING

Buckhalter	2-11-0	1-30-0		5-55-0		4-29-0	6-30-0	2-4-0		3-46-0	1-5-0	3-15-0			2-12-0	2-3-0	31-240-0
Gaffney	3-25-0	3-82-0	4-39-0	1-8-0	6-61-0	1-27-0	3-43-0	2-6-0		3-55-0	3-48-0		3-48-0	1-8-0	7-69-2	14-213-0	54-732-2
Graham	3-40-0	1-3-0	2-33-0	3-36-0	3-34-0		3-30-0	1-18-0		1-4-0	1-17-0	2-20-1	1-6-0	1-15-0	2-4-0	4-29-0	28-289-1
Hillis	1-6-0						2-10-0			1-3-0							4-19-0
Lloyd															4-22-0	4-95-0	8-117-0
Marshall	4-27-0	3-34-0	5-67-1	4-91-1	8-64-2	5-49-0	4-24-0	11-112-0	5-134-2	3-26-0	6-86-0	7-94-1	21-200-2	7-73-1	8-39-0		101-1120-10
Moreno		2-22-0		2-11-1	4-36-0	1-(-1)-0	2-(-4)-0		2-7-0	1-6-0	2-19-0		3-13-0	3-39-0	3-17-1	3-48-0	28-213-2
Royal	2-18-0	3-20-0	1-4-0	2-16-0	10-90-0		2-10-0	5-74-0	2-21-0	4-29-0		2-32-0	1-3-0	3-28-0			37-345-0
Scheffler	1-29-0	1-2-1	1-14-0	3-26-0	4-45-0	6-101-1	1-9-0	1-3-0	4-29-0	1-12-0	4-53-0	1-19-0		2-48-0	1-26-0		31-416-2
Stokley	1-87-1	5-70-0				3-24-1		1-4-0	1-15-0		1-17-1			2-67-0		5-43-1	19-327-4

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

defensive line with a few veteran free agents in the offseason, but the personnel is similar to last season's.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Free agency allowed the Broncos to add some veteran pieces who could fill starting spots on the defensive line. Denver will likely use a fairly deep rotation in the "30" front to keep players fresh. It's still a group devoid of any stars, however. Ronald Fields, who started every game for Denver last season, and ex-Charger Jamal Williams are the primary nose tackles. Fields does not have prototypical size for a nose, but he does the dirty work inside and held the point well for much of last season. Williams is more of a space eater. The rotund 34-year-old missed all but the first game of last season after suffering a torn triceps, but he apparently has recovered from it. He can clog up running lanes and draw double-teams, which should open things up for others to make plays. Denver signed DEs Jarvis Green and Justin Bannan in the offseason as well. Green hasn't been getting to the quarterback as often as he did earlier in his career, but he's a serviceable rotational player. Bannan is more of a big-bodied run stuffer. Ryan McBean and Le Kevin Smith will also see snaps at end.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Demaryius Thomas	WR	Georgia Tech	22
1	Tim Tebow	QB	Florida	25
2	Zane Beadles	OG	Utah	45
3	J.D. Walton	C	Baylor	80
3	Eric Decker	WR	Minnesota	87
5	Perrish Cox	CB	Oklahoma State	137
6	Eric Olsen	C	Notre Dame	183
7	Syd'Quan Thompson	CB	California	225
7	Jammie Kirlew	OLB	Indiana	232

D. THOMAS

LINEBACKERS

The Broncos tinkered with this group in the offseason, but most of its key performers will be back in 2010, including Pro Bowl OLB Elvis Dumervil, who led the league in sacks last season (17). Dumervil's job is to rush the passer, and he does it well. He can be exposed as a liability vs. the run, though. He's still adjusting to his new position after playing defensive end in college and through the first three seasons of his career. He has long arms, which makes it difficult for blockers to get their hands inside and lock out on him. Mario Haggan, who played outside 'backer last season, is expected to move inside to fill the vacancy left by Andra Davis, who was released in the offseason. Haggan is a reliable stopper vs. the run and doesn't miss many tackles. Former Dolphin Akin Ayodele, a sound tackler, will compete against Haggan for snaps. Robert Ayers was a disappointment in '09 after being selected in the first round. He contributed in the team's nickel package but didn't get a sack. He has plenty of upside, but it's going to take him some time to develop. Reviews of D.J. Williams, who has played several different 'backer positions over the years for Denver, were mixed last season. Some say he belongs in the tier just below the league's elite, and others thought he was unimpressive in '09. Williams is an effective blitzer, but he struggles to navigate through traffic at times vs. the ground game. Spencer Larsen and Wesley Woodyard could also be significant contributors at inside 'backer.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Each of the Broncos' starters at the four secondary positions is 31 or older. It's a veteran group, and the team is going to need to find replacements soon, but the well-traveled starters could have another quality season in them. Teams are more willing to challenge CB Champ Bailey than they were in the past. He's still difficult to beat deep, though. Bailey's form isn't always pretty or conventional, but he's one of the best cover corners around. CB Andre' Goodman doesn't have great size and will get beat by speedy receivers. He's quick to transition out of his breaks and has good hands. FS Brian Dawkins offers great leadership, and he can also

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**88 D. THOMAS***	87 Decker*	
OLT	**78 CLADY**	76 Polumbus	
OLG	**71 HOCHSTEIN**	68 Beadles*	
C	**70 S. OLSEN**	50 Walton*	
ORG	**73 KUPER**	69 E. Olsen*	60 McChesney
ORT	**74 HARRIS**	76 Polumbus	
TE	**89 GRAHAM**	81 R. Quinn	
WR	**19 ROYAL**	14 Stokley	11 McKinley
QB	**8 ORTON**	9 B. Quinn	15 Tebow*
RB	**27 MORENO**	28 Buckhalter	31 Arrington
WR	**10 GAFFNEY**	84 Lloyd	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**99 BANNAN**	98 McBean	
NT	**76 J. WILLIAMS**	91 Fields	75 C. Baker
DRE	**93 GREEN**	79 M. Thomas	97 L. Smith
LOLB	**56 AYERS**	95 Reid	
LILB	**57 HAGGAN**	51 Ayodele	59 Woodyard
RILB	**55 D. WILLIAMS**	46 Larsen	
ROLB	**92 DUMERVIL**	94 Moss	
LCB	**24 BAILEY**	22 A. Smith	
RCB	**21 GOODMAN**	33 Jones	32 Cox*
FS	**20 DAWKINS**	34 McBath	
SS	**23 HILL**	30 Bruton	36 Barrett
SPECIALISTS			
P	**4 COLQUITT**	2 Trapasso	
PK	**5 PRATER**		
H	**4 COLQUITT**		
PR	**19 ROYAL**		
KR	**19 ROYAL**		
LS	**66 PAXTON**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Craig Aukerman, *defensive assistant;* Clancy Barone, *offensive line;* Keith Burns, *special-teams assistant;* Brian Callahan, *coaching assistant;* Ed Donatell, *secondary;* Adam Gase, *wide receivers;* Bob Ligashesky, *tight ends;* Don Martindale, *defensive coordinator;* Mike McCoy, *offensive coordinator/quarterbacks;* Ben McDaniels, *quarterbacks;* Josh McDaniels, *head coach;* Wayne Nunnely, *defensive line;* Roman Phifer, *asst. coach, linebackers;* Mike Priefer, *special-teams coordinator;* Jay Rodgers, *defensive assistant;* Greg Saporta, *asst. strength and conditioning;* Eric Studesville, *running backs;* Mark Thewes, *assistant to head coach;* Rich Tuten, *strength and conditioning;* Bob Wylie, *asst. offensive line.*

help on the field. His wheels have slowed over the years, which can hurt him in coverage, but he still can uncoil and land a big hit. Dawkins is a valuable presence vs. the run. SS Renaldo Hill isn't dynamic. He's a decent tackler but can be exposed in coverage. The team envisions Darcel McBath as its free safety of the future. He can cover a lot of ground. The Broncos were optimistic enough about Alphonso Smith's future to trade a 2010 first-round pick to move into the second round to draft him last year, but he struggled in '09 and ended up being replaced as the nickel back. Smith, a short, quick corner, will get another chance to claim the nickel role. Rookie Perrish Cox is a second-round talent, but he fell all the way to the Broncos in the fifth round because of character concerns. He lacks discipline, but has great ball skills.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Eddie Royal is the primary kickoff and punt returner. Royal returned a punt and kickoff for TDs last season, so he has big-play potential. It doesn't take him long to gear up to full speed, and he has the vision to find holes in coverage. PK Matt Prater's small frame can be deceiving, because he has a strong, powerful leg. He became much more accurate last season, too. Prater also handles kickoffs. It's not yet clear who will be on the receiving end of Lonie Paxton's snaps. Two young, unproven punters, Britton Colquitt and A.J. Trapasso, will be competing for the job.

SUMMARY

The Broncos are anxious to put their second-half collapse of 2009 behind them. Several key pieces of a team that showed it could compete with just about anyone for the first half of last season departed in the offseason and several of the team's nine draft picks will be asked to contribute immediately. QB Kyle Orton and OLB Elvis Dumervil are each playing on one-year deals and should be motivated to prove they are worthy of long-term commitments. If Denver doesn't compete for a postseason slot, the heat on Josh McDaniels will rise.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
	Alexander, Kevin	DE-OLB	6-4	265	R	Clemson	
	Arnett, Alric	WR	6-2	189	R	West Virginia	
31	Arrington, J.J.	RB	5-9	212	5	California	0/0
58	Atkins, Baraka	OLB	6-4	268	4	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
56	Ayers, Robert	OLB	6-3	274	2	Tennessee	15/1
51	Ayodele, Akin	ILB	6-2	245	9	Purdue	16/15
24	Bailey, Champ	CB	6-0	192	12	Georgia	16/16
75	Baker, Chris	NT	6-2	329	2	Hampton	1/0
	Baker, Toney	RB	5-10	225	R	North Carolina State	
35	Ball, Lance	RB	5-9	220	2	Maryland	0/0
99	Bannan, Justin	DL	6-3	310	9	Colorado	16/2
36	Barrett, Josh	S	6-2	225	3	Arizona State	14/0
	Baston, Jaron	DL	6-1	305	R	Missouri	
67	Batiste, D'Anthony	OT	6-4	314	5	Louisiana-Lafayette	8/0
68	Beadles, Zane	OL	6-4	305	R	Utah	
	Bishop, Devin	ILB	6-1	239	R	California	
	Bosworth, Korey	DE-OLB	6-1	242	R	UCLA	
	Bowman, Marcellus	S	6-2	225	R	Boston College	
3	Brandstater, Tom	QB	6-5	223	2	Fresno State	0/0
85	Branson, Marquez	TE	6-2	241	1	Central Arkansas	0/0
	Brown, Chris	RB	5-10	200	R	Oklahoma	
30	Bruton, David	S	6-2	211	2	Notre Dame	14/1
28	Buckhalter, Correll	RB	6-0	223	10	Nebraska	14/7
25	Carter, Tony	CB	5-9	175	2	Florida State	2/1
78	Clady, Ryan	OT	6-6	325	3	Boise State	16/16
4	Colquitt, Britton	P	6-3	204	2	Tennessee	0/0
32	Cox, Perrish	CB	6-0	195	R	Oklahoma State	
20	Dawkins, Brian	S	6-0	210	15	Clemson	16/16
87	Decker, Eric	WR	6-2	215	R	Minnesota	
92	Dumervil, Elvis	OLB	5-11	248	5	Louisville	16/14
	Duncan, Paul	OT	6-7	315	R	Notre Dame	
91	Fields, Ronald	NT	6-2	314	6	Mississippi State	16/16
62	Fry, Dustin	C	6-3	326	2	Clemson	0/0
10	Gaffney, Jabar	WR	6-2	200	9	Florida	16/7
	Garland, Ben	DL	6-5	275	R	Air Force	
	Geer, Riar	TE	6-4	250	R	Colorado	
21	Goodman, Andre'	CB	5-10	184	9	South Carolina	16/16
89	Graham, Daniel	TE	6-3	257	9	Colorado	16/14
93	Green, Jarvis	DE	6-3	285	9	LSU	13/12
58	Greisen, Nick	ILB	6-1	242	9	Wisconsin	0/0
57	Haggan, Mario	OLB	6-3	267	8	Mississippi State	16/16
29	Hall, Bruce	RB	5-11	205	2	Mississippi	0/0
74	Harris, Ryan	OT	6-5	300	4	Notre Dame	8/8
23	Hill, Renaldo	S	5-11	205	10	Michigan State	15/15
71	Hochstein, Russ	OG	6-4	305	10	Nebraska	15/10
	Honeycutt, Patrick	WR	5-9	172	R	Middle Tennessee	
33	Jones, Nate	CB	5-10	185	7	Rutgers	16/2
52	Kelley, Braxton	LB	6-0	242	1	Kentucky	0/0
53	Kirlew, Jammie	OLB	6-3	264	R	Indiana	
73	Kuper, Chris	OG	6-4	303	5	North Dakota	15/15
46	Larsen, Spencer	ILB	6-2	243	3	Arizona	9/1
84	Lloyd, Brandon	WR	6-0	194	8	Illinois	2/1
	Marinelli, Chris	OT	6-7	300	R	Stanford	
31	McBath, Darcel	S	6-1	198	2	Texas Tech	13/0
98	McBean, Ryan	DE	6-5	297	3	Oklahoma State	14/14
	McCarthy, Kyle	S	6-1	210	R	Notre Dame	
60	McChesney, Matt	OG	6-3	333	3	Colorado	0/0
11	McKinley, Kenny	WR	6-0	183	2	South Carolina	8/0
27	Moreno, Knowshon	RB	5-11	210	2	Georgia	16/9
94	Moss, Jarvis	OLB	6-7	257	4	Florida	7/0
69	Olsen, Eric	OG	6-4	305	R	Notre Dame	
70	Olsen, Seth	C-OG	6-5	308	2	Iowa	3/0
8	Orton, Kyle	QB	6-4	225	6	Purdue	16/15
	Overbay, Nathan	TE	6-5	270	R	Eastern Washington	
66	Paxton, Lonie	LS	6-2	281	11	Sacramento State	16/0
76	Polumbus, Tyler	OT	6-8	300	3	Colorado	15/8
5	Prater, Matt	PK	5-10	187	4	Central Florida	16/0
9	Quinn, Brady	QB	6-3	235	4	Notre Dame	10/9
81	Quinn, Richard	TE	6-4	255	2	North Carolina	15/0
95	Reid, Darrell	OLB	6-2	270	6	Minnesota	16/0
19	Royal, Eddie	WR	5-10	180	3	Virginia Tech	14/12
	Shumard, Michael	OG	6-5	301	R	Texas A&M	
22	Smith, Alphonso	CB	5-9	190	2	Wake Forest	15/0
97	Smith, Le Kevin	DE	6-3	308	5	Nebraska	13/2
	Stehle, Jeff	DL	6-6	310	R	Wisconsin	
14	Stokley, Brandon	WR	6-0	192	12	SW Louisiana	16/2
15	Tebow, Tim	QB	6-3	245	R	Florida	
88	Thomas, Demaryius	WR	6-3	229	R	Georgia Tech	
79	Thomas, Marcus	DL	6-3	316	4	Florida	16/0
43	Thompson, Syd'Quan	CB	5-9	187	R	California	
2	Trapasso, A.J.	P	5-11	225	1	Ohio State	0/0
	Vaughn, Cassius	CB	5-11	195	R	Mississippi	
50	Walton, J.D.	C	6-3	305	R	Baylor	
55	Williams, D.J.	ILB	6-1	242	7	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
76	Williams, Jamal	NT	6-3	348	13	Oklahoma State	1/1
	Williams, Landis	WR	5-10	174	R	Maine	
12	Willis, Matthew	WR	6-0	190	3	UCLA	1/1
59	Woodyard, Wesley	ILB	6-0	222	3	Kentucky	16/0

KANSAS CITY Chiefs

2010 PREDICTION: 5-11 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 4-12 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

T. HALEY

HEAD COACH: Todd Haley
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Charlie Weis
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Romeo Crennel
OWNER: Clark Hunt
STADIUM: Arrowhead Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 79,451
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.kcchiefs.com

Change is in the air in Kansas City as the Chiefs enter Year Two of their mission to rid the franchise of its losing culture.

In 2009, the first season under GM Scott Pioli and head coach Todd Haley, the team doubled its win total from two to four — not exactly the immediate improvement it was looking to make. However, the new regime did accomplish its goal of beginning an overhaul of both the roster and attitude that it hopes will result in a winning product for years to come.

Finally parting ways with RB Larry Johnson last season after he caused more trouble than he was worth, K.C. discovered a hidden gem in Jamaal Charles, an offensive sparkplug down the stretch. Adding former Pro Bowler Thomas Jones to the mix this offseason, the Chiefs now possess one of the league's more impressive backfields.

The Chiefs had their struggles defensively, but Tamba Hali thrived in his move to OLB, and Glenn Dorsey proved to be a good fit as a 3-4 defensive end. Having added some key pieces to the secondary on Draft Day, this "D" could make a sizable leap in 2010.

After hiring coordinators Charlie Weis and Romeo Crennel this offseason, the Chiefs are beginning to resemble New England West. While not quite ready to put themselves in the Patriots' class, they are an organization that appears headed in the right direction.

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DWAYNE BOWE

OFFENSE

Realizing he spread himself too thin last season by adding play-calling to his already loaded plate as a first-year head coach, Todd Haley decided to bring in a trusted confidant to coordinate the offense: Charlie Weis. Organizing a highly successful attack for a Patriots team that captured three Super Bowls before leaving to coach Notre Dame, Weis returns to the NFL ranks to take over an offense that finished 25th in '09. His style is to spread defenses out and give his quarterback matchups to exploit through the air.

QUARTERBACKS

Fresh off a new contract extension that made him one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in the league, Matt Cassel had an up-and-down maiden season in Kansas City. While the 28-year-old played well at times, he struggled mightily at others, finishing with 2,924 yards, 16 TDs, 16 interceptions and a 69.9 passer rating. The 6-4, 230-pound Cassel has tremendous size to stand in the pocket and survey the field, and he possesses the arm strength to get the ball to his receivers downfield. When pressure comes, he can use his quick feet to escape and pick up yardage on the ground. However, he had trouble playing behind a shaky offensive line in 2009, sometimes staying in the pocket too long and taking 42 sacks. His decision making was also questionable

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

RB Thomas Jones, OG Ryan Lilja, DT Shaun Smith, WR Jerheme Urban, C Casey Wiegmann.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OG Andy Alleman, S Mike Brown, OG Mike Goff, TE Sean Ryan, OL Wade Smith, WR Bobby Wade.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP RB Jamaal Charles

DEFENSIVE MVP OLB Tamba Hali

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER DE Tyson Jackson

POSITION BATTLE ILB: Derrick Johnson vs. Corey Mays

J. CHARLES

T. HALI

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C+	B+	C	C	C-	D+	C+	B-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 13	San Diego	10:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 10	at Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Denver	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 21	Arizona	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	Denver	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Oakland	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Kansas City

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Baltimore	(+13)	24-38
Sept. 20	Oakland	(-3)	10-13
Sept. 27	At Philadelphia	(+7.5)	14-34
Oct. 4	New York Giants	(+9)	16-27
Oct. 11	Dallas	(+7)	20-26*
Oct. 18	At Washington	(+6.5)	14-6
Oct. 25	San Diego	(+5.5)	7-37
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 8	At Jacksonville	(+7)	21-24
Nov. 15	At Oakland	(+2.5)	16-10
Nov. 22	Pittsburgh	(+11)	27-24*
Nov. 29	At San Diego	(+13.5)	14-43
Dec. 6	Denver	(+6)	13-44
Dec. 13	Buffalo	(+2.5)	10-16
Dec. 20	Cleveland	(-2.5)	34-41
Dec. 27	At Cincinnati	(+13.5)	10-17
Jan. 3	At Denver	(+9)	44-24

* Overtime

at times, as he took too many chances that resulted in turnovers. Working with Charlie Weis and an improved O-line should help him improve in '10. Backing up Cassel is Brodie Croyle, who earned praise from Todd Haley after the season for his ability to quickly learn the offense. A heady player, Croyle performed well in his lone start last season and could adequately fill in if called upon. Matt Gutierrez is the No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

Following their release of RB Larry Johnson midway through last season, the Chiefs discovered a sleeping "giant" in their backfield — Jamaal Charles. Seeing little action during his first season and a half, Charles was called upon to carry the load down the stretch, and he proceeded to light a fire under the offense, rushing for an eye-popping 968 yards and seven TDs in the final eight games. The diminutive back has sensational burst and vision to find the holes and hit them instantly, allowing him to rip off big chunks of yardage at a time (5.9 yards per carry in '09). His quick, shifty running style often makes the first tackler miss, and he is a natural pass catcher who can get the ball and turn upfield. At 5-11, 199 pounds, though, he sometimes has issues blocking and lacks the size to carry the load over a full season. That's the No. 1 reason K.C. brought in free agent Thomas Jones, who rushed for a career-high 1,402 yards last year with the Jets. Expected to be the club's primary goal-line and short-yardage option, Jones is still in top shape and durable at age 31, with the power to make one cut, hit the hole hard and pick up yards after contact. The bigger Kolby Smith can occasionally step in as the battering ram. Mike Cox and Tim Castille will man the fullback spot.

RECEIVERS

Receiver play was a huge issue for the Chiefs in 2009, as their pass catchers dropped more balls (48) than any other team in the league. The No. 1 target in the group is Dwayne Bowe, who was suspended four games last season for testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs and was inconsistent when he was on the field. Bowe uses his large frame to shield defenders and put himself in good position, and he has the ability to both create separation and corral passes in traffic. His hands remain his biggest weakness, as drops have plagued him throughout his three-year career. Opposite him is Chris Chambers, who was left for dead by the Chargers halfway through the '09 campaign but turned out to be a stellar find for K.C. He definitely knows how to run precise routes, and even at age 31, he still has the speed to be a downfield threat. The Chiefs have a slew of wideouts who could compete for the job in the slot, but second-round rookie Dexter McCluster could have the early advantage. Primarily a running back at Ole Miss, he is a small, shifty player with the quickness to separate and turn short catches into long gains. K.C. picked up free agent Jerheme Urban, who was coached by Todd Haley in Arizona, to add depth. The team got little production from its tight ends last season but is banking on better years from Leonard Pope and Brad Cottam. Third-rounder Tony Moeaki also figures to enter the mix, as he has the all-around ability to help as both a pass catcher and blocker.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Poor line play limited the offense's potential in '09, making it one of the first areas Scott Pioli addressed in the offseason. The line's strength is its left side, where OLT Branden Albert and OLG Brian Waters hold down the fort. Albert didn't improve as much as the squad had hoped in his second season, but he has the tools to be a solid pro, possessing long arms to hold off pass rushers and the quickness to beat them to spots. He lacks the power and explosion to clear holes in the run game, though. Waters is still going strong at age 33, and he has no trouble getting low and using his bulk to drive linemen back. Smart and fundamentally sound, he's the line's unquestioned leader. To shore up the right side, the Chiefs brought in free-agent ORG Ryan Lilja, who's expected to start. The former Colt has constantly dealt with knee problems but has the awareness and winning experience K.C. needs. Pioli also signed 15-year veteran C Casey Wiegmann to compete with '09 starter Rudy Niswanger, whose play became shaky down the stretch. ORT Ryan O'Callaghan was surprisingly effective last season and should remain on the first team. Colin Brown and rookie Jon Asamoah will provide depth at guard, while Ikechuku Ndukwe and Barry Richardson will be the backups at tackle.

DEFENSE

After a No. 30 finish in total defense last season, the Chiefs made a change at coordinator, replacing Clancy Pendergast with Romeo Crennel. In charge of the Patriots' "D" during their three Super Bowl runs before becoming the Browns' head coach, Crennel is known for his mastery of the 3-4 defense, a scheme for which Kansas City is still trying to find the proper personnel. Stopping the run and forcing sacks look to be the unit's main areas of focus, as it ranked second to last in each a year ago.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Filling in pieces along the defensive line as they transi-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS																
	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	@BALT.	OAK.	@PHIL.	N.Y.G.	DALL.	@WASH.	S.D.	@JAX.	@OAK.	PITT.	@S.D.	DEN.	BUFF.	CLEV.	@CIN.	@DEN.	
Score	24-38	10-13	14-34	16-27	20-26	14-6	7-37	21-24	16-10	27-24	14-43	13-44	10-16	34-41	10-17	44-24	
Total net yards	188	409	196	212	304	268	203	301	318	282	284	222	354	491	295	524	4851
Rushing yards	29	173	99	124	72	110	121	60	112	68	114	94	145	168	123	317	1929
Passing yards	159	236	97	88	232	158	82	241	206	214	170	128	209	323	172	207	2922
Rushing plays	17	38	29	25	29	36	30	14	31	20	23	26	27	30	28	35	438
Sacks allowed	3	2	3	5	4	5	5	3	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	0	45
Had intercepted	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	2	2	17
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	10
Yards penalized	15	70	90	55	50	30	41	10	35	28	25	25	43	34	40	76	667
Punts	5	5	9	7	8	7	6	7	6	6	4	7	5	6	6	3	97
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	39:49	21:21	30:35	30:47	32:18	22:50	32:45	36:13	31:06	39:47	35:20	35:55	30:34	34:25	33:52	33:03	32:33
Total net yards	501	166	420	429	498	265	403	426	272	516	426	413	273	417	274	512	6211
Rushing yards	198	67	93	156	150	118	135	173	182	114	94	245	200	351	144	84	2504
Passing yards	303	99	327	273	348	147	268	253	90	402	332	168	73	66	130	428	3707
Rushing plays	41	25	27	33	26	20	36	41	30	31	34	45	35	49	36	22	531
Sacks allowed	1	2	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	2	0	3	2	0	1	2	22
Had intercepted	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	15
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	13
Yards penalized	65	45	20	54	90	63	59	31	88	81	55	20	40	20	36	54	821
Punts	3	7	3	4	4	8	4	4	11	6	3	3	4	2	7	6	79
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *																	
RUSHING																	
Cassel		5-34-0	2-(-1)-0	4-25-0	4-28-0	6-16-0	5-24-0	2-3-0	4-(-3)-0	1-(-1)-0	6-22-0	3-17-0	2-(-6)-0	2-10-0	3-21-0	1-0-0	50-189-0
Castille											2-(-2)-0	3-26-0	4-9-0	2-3-0		3-19-0	14-55-0
Charles	4-8-0		6-36-0	2-24-0	3-9-0	4-6-0	4-33-0	6-36-0	18-103-1	17-58-0	14-93-1	18-56-1	20-143-1	25-154-1	24-102-0	25-259-2	190-1120-7
L. Johnson	11-20-0	24-78-0	19-38-0	18-72-0	21-37-0	23-83-0	16-49-0										132-377-0
Ko. Smith								4-17-0	9-12-0	1-3-0	1-1-0						15-33-0
**PASSING ** **																	
Cassel		24-39-2 241-1	14-18-0 90-2	15-32-0 127-2	23-41-0 253-2	16-31-0 186-0	10-25-3 97-1	23-39-0 262-2	19-34-1 216-0	15-30-0 248-2	19-31-1 178-1	10-29-2 84-0	26-43-4 224-0	22-40-0 331-2	22-37-2 180-1	13-24-1 207-0	271-493-16 2924-16
Croyle	16-24-0 177-2										1-2-0 3-0	6-14-0 50-0					23-40-0 230-2
RECEIVING																	
Bowe	4-40-1	5-56-1		1-11-0	5-74-1	6-109-0	2-11-1	4-74-0	6-91-0					4-56-0	9-61-0	1-6-0	47-589-4
Bradley	4-73-0		4-28-1	2-19-0	3-35-0	2-22-0		1-12-0	1-22-0	1-22-0			3-35-0	3-52-1			24-320-2
Chambers								3-70-2	3-60-0	4-119-0	7-70-1	2-11-0	4-50-0	5-114-1	3-34-0	5-80-0	36-608-4
Charles	4-29-0		3-34-0		5-54-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	3-19-0	4-14-0	2-8-1	3-54-0	1-3-0	7-38-0	2-16-0	3-22-0	1-3-0	40-297-1
Cottam			1-11-0									3-21-0	1-26-0	4-62-0			9-120-0
Cox		1-16-0						1-(-4)-0		1-19-0	2-11-0		1-2-0	1-8-0	2-14-0	1-13-0	10-79-0
L. Johnson	1-6-0	3-41-0		3-1-0	1-9-0	3-12-0	1-7-0										12-76-0
Long							2-12-0	8-74-0	2-18-0	2-37-0	2-15-0	2-28-0	2-(-6)-0				20-178-0
Pope					1-8-0	1-5-0		1-5-0	3-11-0	2-26-1	1-(-3)-0	2-18-0	4-45-0	3-23-0	1-7-0	1-29-0	20-174-1
Ryan	1-10-1	1-7-0	4-22-0	5-58-1	2-27-0	1-11-0											14-135-2
Wade		6-72-0	2-13-1	2-8-1	4-42-0	2-25-0	4-66-0			3-17-0	2-20-0	4-36-0	4-34-0		2-18-0	1-16-0	36-367-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

tioned to a 3-4 proved to be one of the Chiefs' biggest challenges in '09. However, DE Glenn Dorsey, who made a name for himself as a tackle in a 4-3 scheme, proved to be a pleasant surprise. In his first year playing end, Dorsey did a solid job setting the edge to force ballcarriers inside, using his size to gain leverage on blockers and taking good angles. He is quick, has a constant motor and finishes plays, though his pass-rush technique could use work. Opposite Dorsey is another LSU product, '09 first-rounder Tyson Jackson. Starting 14 games in his rookie campaign, he was slow to adjust to the speed of the NFL and was a non-factor in many contests. He has good balance and strength, however, and could improve significantly with a year under his belt. At nose tackle, 10-year veteran Ron Edwards did an acceptable job last season, and he could wind up starting again by default. He's powerful and quick inside, but he's not the long-term solution at the position and could get some competition from free-agent pickup Shaun Smith. Wallace Gilberry and Alex Magee are the top DE reserves.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Eric Berry	FS	Tennessee	5
2	Dexter McCluster	WR	Mississippi	36
2	Javier Arenas	CB	Alabama	50
3	Jon Asamoah	OG	Illinois	68
3	Tony Moeaki	TE	Iowa	93
5	Kendrick Lewis	FS	Mississippi	136
5	Cameron Sheffield	OLB	Troy	142

E. BERRY

LINEBACKERS

With the Chiefs having to shift ends to OLB last season as they converted to a 3-4, the position group was a major question mark heading into the year. However, it resulted in somewhat of a revelation, as a position change revitalized the career of Tamba Hali. Struggling at defensive end, the '06 first-round pick instantly took to his new spot, piling up 8½ sacks and four forced fumbles. With explosiveness and a strong burst to the ball, he's the defensive star. Also starting at OLB will be veteran Mike Vrabel, who was re-signed in the offseason. Although he doesn't possess the skills he once did, the 34-year-old is still athletic and instinctive, and he's a prototypical leader thanks to his experience and intelligence. Inside, Demorrio Williams thrived in the 3-4 scheme, leading K.C. with 117 tackles. A tremendous athlete who hasn't always lived up to his potential, Williams was not only a tackling machine in '09 but also chipped in with six passes defended, showing off his coverage ability. The Chiefs could have a camp battle for the other starting spot inside, with '09 starter Corey Mays taking on Derrick Johnson, a former standout who got off on the wrong foot with the new coaching staff. Andy Studebaker, Jovan Belcher and Pierre Walters are the primary backups, and rookie Cameron Sheffield could enter the picture as a pass-rushing specialist.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The strength of the defense entering the '09 campaign, the Chiefs' secondary did not play to the high level most expected from it. The unit did have some bright spots, though, such as CB Brandon Flowers, who picked off five passes. Not very big at just 5-foot-9, he makes up for it with his intensity, mean streak, quick feet and impressive leaping ability. He lacks ideal speed but has an obvious nose for the ball. Opposite him is CB Brandon Carr, also going into his third year. Carr (6-0, 207) is noticeably bigger than Flowers but doesn't have the same pure talent, instead relying on his size to stay physical with receivers. He'll give up receptions, but he usually brings down pass catchers instantly. To replace 32-year-old veteran Mike Brown, the Chiefs used the No. 5 overall draft pick on FS Eric Berry, who is expected to start from Day One. The Tennessee product is an active playmaker. He has the

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	82 BOWE	83 Urban	10 Copper	
OLT	76 ALBERT	67 B. Richardson		
OLG	54 WATERS	73 Asamoah*	66 Harris	
C	64 NISWANGER	62 Wiegmann		
ORG	65 LILJA	61 C. Brown		
ORT	75 O'CALLAGHAN	60 Ndukwe	77 Porter	
TE	45 POPE	81 Moeaki*	87 Cottam	
WR	84 CHAMBERS	22 McCluster*	17 Long	
QB	7 CASSEL	12 Croyle	15 Gutierrez	
RB	25 CHARLES	20 Jones	21 K. Smith	
FB	42 COX	46 Castille		
DEFENSE				
DLE	94 JACKSON	92 Gilberry	99 Lokey	
NT	95 EDWARDS	90 S. Smith	70 Gales	
DRE	72 DORSEY	71 Magee	74 Greenwood	
LOLB	50 VRABEL	96 Studebaker	55 Sheffield*	
LILB	53 D. WILLIAMS	59 Belcher	52 Herron	
RILB	51 MAYS	56 D. Johnson		
ROLB	91 HALI	97 Walters		
LCB	24 FLOWERS	23 M. Richardson	27 Washington	
RCB	39 CARR	30 Arenas*	31 Leggett	
FS	29 BERRY*	47 McGraw	35 Price	
SS	44 PAGE	38 Morgan	49 K. Lewis*	
SPECIALISTS				
P	2 COLQUITT			
PK	6 SUCCOP			
H	2 COLQUITT			
PR	30 ARENAS*	31 Leggett		
KR	30 ARENAS*	22 McCluster*	14 Lawrence	
LS	43 GAFFORD			

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Richie Anderson, *wide receivers;* Maurice Carthon, *asst. head coach;* Mike Clark, *strength and conditioning;* Romeo Crennel, *defensive coordinator;* Gary Gibbs, *linebackers;* Todd Haley, *head coach;* Steve Hoffman, *special teams;* Bill Muir, *offensive line;* Bernie Parmalee, *tight ends;* Pat Perles, *asst. offensive line;* Anthony Pleasant, *defensive line;* Brent Salazar, *asst. strength and conditioning;* Nick Sirianni, *offensive quality control;* Otis Smith, *defensive quality control;* Emmitt Thomas, *defensive backs;* Charlie Weis, *offensive coordinator;* Adam Zimmer, *defensive assistant/asst. linebackers.*

instincts, awareness and ball skills to cover like a cornerback. He is also a physical player and forceful tackler, allowing him to make a difference against the run. Jarrad Page split time with Jon McGraw at the free safety spot last season, but Page is the favorite to start at strong safety this year. He is a tough, physical player with good range, but he gets exposed in man coverage. McGraw, meanwhile, isn't as athletic but is a solid hitter and tackler. Maurice Leggett did a nice job as the nickel corner, but he'll have competition from second-round rookie Javier Arenas. The aggressive Arenas has good instincts and should give the secondary a boost. The club is hoping for more from CB Donald Washington and S DaJuan Morgan, while fifth-round S Kendrick Lewis could figure into the mix, as well.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The 256th and final pick of the 2009 draft, PK Ryan Succop turned out to be quite a find for the Chiefs. "Mr. Irrelevant" nailed 25-of-29 field goals in his rookie season and looks like a long-term kicking answer. P Dustin Colquitt is also a key member of the special-teams group and had another fine campaign, using his monster leg to boom punts and not allow return yards. After struggling in the return game for all of '09, K.C. grabbed both Dexter McCluster and Javier Arenas in Round Two of the draft. McCluster can absolutely fly and could see some time on the kickoff unit. Meanwhile, Arenas was one of the most accomplished returners in the country, bringing back seven career kicks for touchdowns.

SUMMARY

Even if the final results weren't spectacular, Todd Haley had his guys playing hard last season, showing that he may indeed have the skills to be an effective NFL head coach. With two top-notch coordinators joining the organization and Scott Pioli continuing to reshape the roster, the Chiefs are on their way up and should be contending again in the AFC West in the not-too-distant future.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
76	Albert, Branden	OT	6-5	316	3	Virginia	14/14
30	Arenas, Javier	CB	5-9	197	R	Alabama	
73	Asamoah, Jon	OG	6-4	305	R	Illinois	
41	Bates, Jackie	CB	5-10	180	1	Hampton	0/0
26	Battle, Jackie	RB	6-2	238	3	Houston	5/0
59	Belcher, Jovan	LB	6-2	228	2	Maine	16/3
29	Berry, Eric	S	6-0	211	R	Tennessee	
82	Bowe, Dwayne	WR	6-2	221	4	LSU	11/9
61	Brown, Colin	OG	6-7	335	2	Missouri	0/0
68	Brown, Garrett	DL	6-1	309	R	Minnesota	
39	Carr, Brandon	CB	6-0	207	3	Grand Valley State	16/16
7	Cassel, Matt	QB	6-4	230	6	USC	15/15
46	Castille, Tim	FB	5-11	238	4	Alabama	7/0
84	Chambers, Chris	WR	5-11	210	10	Wisconsin	16/14
25	Charles, Jamaal	RB	5-11	199	3	Texas	15/10
57	Cole, Justin	LB	6-3	242	R	San Jose State	
2	Colquitt, Dustin	P	6-3	210	6	Tennessee	16/0
10	Copper, Terrance	WR	6-0	207	7	East Carolina	15/2
87	Cottam, Brad	TE	6-7	269	3	Tennessee	8/1
42	Cox, Mike	FB	6-0	252	3	Georgia Tech	16/10
12	Croyle, Brodie	QB	6-2	206	5	Alabama	3/1
34	Daniels, Travis	CB	6-1	195	6	LSU	9/2
72	Dorsey, Glenn	DE	6-1	297	3	LSU	15/14
89	Drake, T.C.	TE	6-4	248	R	Kentucky	
69	Eastman, Tyler	OL	6-5	310	R	Maine	
95	Edwards, Ron	DT	6-3	315	10	Texas A&M	16/14
24	Flowers, Brandon	CB	5-9	187	3	Virginia Tech	15/15
43	Gafford, Thomas	LS	6-2	250	3	Houston	16/0
70	Gales, Dion	DL	6-5	259	1	Troy	3/0
92	Gilberry, Wallace	DE	6-2	268	3	Alabama	16/0
74	Greenwood, Bobby	DE	6-5	278	1	Alabama	0/0
13	Gunnell, Rich	WR	5-11	197	R	Boston College	
15	Gutierrez, Matt	QB	6-4	230	4	Idaho State	1/0
91	Hali, Tamba	LB	6-3	275	5	Penn State	16/16
66	Harris, Darryl	OG	6-4	300	1	Mississippi	1/0
52	Herron, David	LB	6-1	239	3	Michigan State	10/0
8	Horne-Murdock, Jeremy	WR	6-2	193	R	Massachusetts	
94	Jackson, Tyson	DE	6-4	296	2	LSU	16/14
79	Jeanpierre, Lemuel	OL	6-3	301	R	South Carolina	
56	Johnson, Derrick	LB	6-3	242	6	Texas	15/3
93	Johnson, Michael	LB	6-0	254	R	North Alabama	
35	Johnson, Tervaris	RB	6-2	248	R	Miami (Fla.)	
20	Jones, Thomas	RB	5-10	212	11	Virginia	16/16
74	Landry, Nick	OL	6-5	291	R	Tulane	
48	Langford, Reshard	S	6-1	213	1	Vanderbilt	0/0
14	Lawrence, Quinten	WR	6-0	184	2	McNeese State	6/1
31	Leggett, Maurice	CB	5-11	188	3	Valdosta State	10/1
70	Lewis, Andrew	OL	6-4	298	R	Oklahoma State	
49	Lewis, Kendrick	S	6-0	198	R	Mississippi	
65	Lilja, Ryan	OG	6-2	290	7	Kansas State	16/16
99	Lokey, Derek	DL	6-1	300	1	Texas	2/0
17	Long, Lance	WR	5-11	186	2	Mississippi State	7/1
71	Magee, Alex	DE	6-3	298	2	Purdue	15/1
51	Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	245	5	Notre Dame	16/13
22	McCluster, Dexter	WR	5-8	165	R	Mississippi	
47	McGraw, Jon	S	6-3	208	9	Kansas State	14/9
81	Moeaki, Tony	TE	6-3	252	R	Iowa	
32	Moore, Kestahn	RB	5-10	214	1	Florida	0/0
38	Morgan, DaJuan	S	6-0	203	3	North Carolina State	13/2
60	Ndukwe, Ikechuku	OT-OG	6-4	325	4	Northwestern	12/3
64	Niswanger, Rudy	C	6-5	301	5	LSU	16/16
75	O'Callaghan, Ryan	OT	6-7	330	5	California	14/12
85	O'Connell, Jake	TE	6-3	250	2	Miami (Ohio)	4/2
44	Page, Jarrad (RFA)	S	6-0	225	5	UCLA	5/5
4	Palko, Tyler	QB	6-1	215	1	Pittsburgh	0/0
45	Pope, Leonard	TE	6-8	264	5	Georgia	13/8
77	Porter, Jermail	OL	6-5	310	1	Kent State	0/0
35	Price, Ricky	S	6-1	195	1	Oklahoma State	2/0
67	Richardson, Barry	OT	6-6	319	3	Clemson	10/1
23	Richardson, Mike	CB	5-11	190	4	Notre Dame	11/1
55	Sheffield, Cameron	LB	6-2	257	R	Troy	
21	Smith, Kolby	RB	5-11	219	4	Louisville	4/0
90	Smith, Shaun	DT	6-2	325	6	South Carolina	3/0
96	Studebaker, Andy	LB	6-3	248	3	Wheaton	16/2
6	Succop, Ryan	PK	6-2	218	2	South Carolina	16/0
83	Urban, Jerheme	WR	6-3	207	6	Trinity (Tex.)	10/0
50	Vrabel, Mike	LB	6-4	261	14	Ohio State	14/14
97	Walters, Pierre	LB	6-5	269	2	Eastern Illinois	3/0
27	Washington, Donald	CB	6-1	197	2	Ohio State	8/0
54	Waters, Brian	OG	6-3	320	11	North Texas	15/15
62	Wiegmann, Casey	C	6-2	285	15	Iowa	16/16
11	Williams, Chandler	WR	5-11	176	1	Florida International	0/0
53	Williams, Demorrio	LB	6-1	232	7	Nebraska	16/13
40	Williams, Javarris	RB	5-10	223	1	Tennessee State	4/0

4 OAKLAND Raiders

2010 PREDICTION: 5-11 *(FOURTH PLACE IN AFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 5-11 *(THIRD PLACE IN AFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

T. CABLE

HEAD COACH: Tom Cable
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Hue Jackson
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: John Marshall
OWNER: Al Davis
STADIUM: Oakland Coliseum | **CAPACITY:** 63,026
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.raiders.com

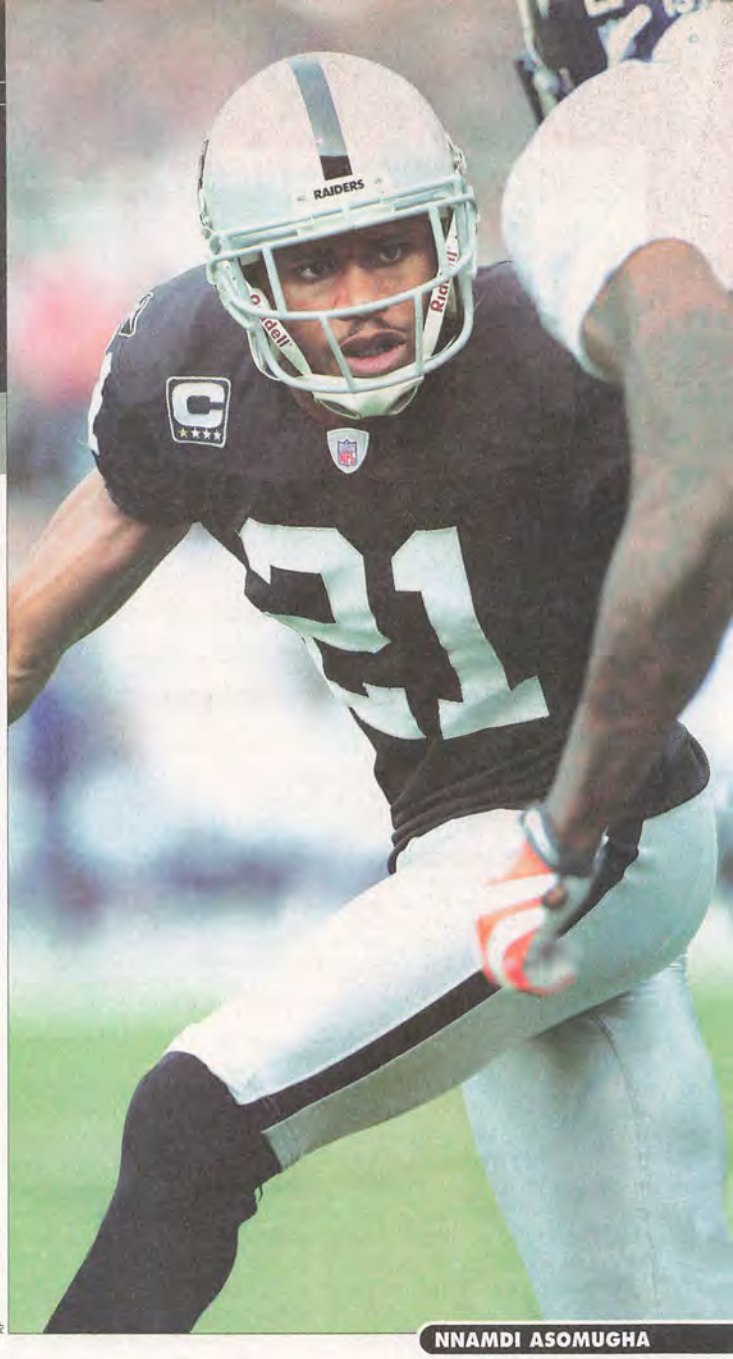
It's never a good sign for a franchise when it has become the punchline in jokes told by members of the lowly Bills, but that's the situation the Raiders found themselves in this offseason — the victims of a barb from Bills GM Buddy Nix, who couldn't help himself from firing a shot Oakland's way when discussing the interest level in his team's head-coaching job.

"Don't ever think you can't fill coaching jobs, even if (the team is) bad," he said. "Oakland gets a lot of calls."

Yes, it's not too difficult to say "Raiders" and draw a few chuckles these days. They have won five games or fewer in each of the past seven seasons. While a handful of prognosticators might call them sleepers to make the playoffs, it still would be surprising if this team suddenly turned things around.

Head coach Tom Cable was retained in the offseason after managing general partner Al Davis weighed his options. Cable will not have the same role, however. He will not be calling plays like he did in prior seasons. Those duties have been assigned to new offensive coordinator Hue Jackson, who is charged with, among many other tasks, attempting to ignite the career of QB JaMarcus Russell, who was benched last season.

The unconventional franchise has some talented pieces, but skill level hasn't prevented the Raiders from coming up well short over the past seven years.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OFFENSE

Former Ravens QB coach Hue Jackson was hired as offensive coordinator in the offseason after the team went without an O-coordinator in 2009, when Tom Cable called plays. Jackson will handle those duties this year, but Cable said he doesn't expect the scheme to change much. Jackson inherits a unit that mustered just 17 touchdowns in 16 games last season, so his job will not be easy. The lack of a clear starter at quarterback only complicates things. The Raiders will continue employing a zone-blocking system in the ground game and will mix in some deep throws to stretch the field.

QUARTERBACKS

Shortly after acquiring Jason Campbell for a 2012 fourth-round pick on draft weekend, Tom Cable announced he would hold a five-man competition for the starting QB job. Campbell, who gets a fresh start after falling out of favor in Washington, is considered the front-runner to win the job. JaMarcus Russell, Bruce Gradkowski, Charlie Frye and Kyle Boller are the other competitors. Campbell has a slow delivery and will need time to throw. The Raiders' vertical passing game might be a better fit for him than the West Coast offense. Many have written off Russell as a bust, and while the

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

QB Kyle Boller, QB Jason Campbell, DE Quentin Groves, OLB Kamerion Wimbley.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

LB Jon Alston, DE Greg Ellis, RB Justin Fargas, OT Cornell Green, MLB Kirk Morrison, DT Gerard Warren.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
TE Zach Miller

DEFENSIVE MVP
CB Nnamdi Asomugha

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
RB Michael Bush

POSITION BATTLE
QB: Open competition

Z. MILLER

N. ASOMUGHA

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	C	C-	C-	C+	C+	B-	A-

Raiders have made moves to replace him, they haven't cut him loose yet. Russell has struggled to keep his weight down and hasn't shown the commitment necessary to succeed. He has enough arm strength to fire the ball downfield but often holds on to the ball too long and doesn't have much pocket awareness. While Gradkowski doesn't have great physical gifts, he entered games much more prepared than Russell and seemed to be a more active leader in the huddle. He feels pressure well, reacts quickly and can move to avoid sacks, but he has trouble throwing deep. Gradkowski tore a pectoral muscle in April, but he was expected to participate in at least a portion of offseason activities. Frye, who started three games last season after Gradkowski injured both of his knees, will face a challenge from Boller for a roster spot. Frye hasn't taken care of the ball in past opportunities, but the strong-armed Boller is also prone to mistakes and poor decisions with the ball.

RUNNING BACKS

The Raiders' backfield has shouldered a hefty burden over the past few seasons as the passing game failed to produce. The running back corps of 2010 lacks a proven workhorse, however, following the release of longtime staple Justin Fargas. Darren McFadden and Michael Bush will compete for positioning on the depth chart in camp, and Tom Cable has said he would like to see one of them emerge as the featured back, rather than splitting carries evenly between the two. Bush would be a more natural fit for the role, since he's built to withstand more of a pounding than McFadden is, but each player comes with his share of doubts about durability. Bush runs well for his size and shows some power. McFadden, who only gained 3.4 yards per carry last season, is a big-play threat and is tough to catch when he has space to accelerate. Injuries and fumbles have held him back. FB Luke Lawton will complete his four-game suspension for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing drugs during the first two games of the 2010 campaign. Gary Russell, a RB-FB hybrid, will take on lead-blocking duties while Lawton is out.

RECEIVERS

Blame for the passing game's failures has also been directed at the Raiders' young receiving corps. The No. 1 target of criticism is Darrius Heyward-Bey, who, after being selected with the seventh overall pick in 2009, went on to disappoint before his rookie season was cut short by a foot injury. Some say Heyward-Bey improved over the course of the season, but he only made nine catches. He runs good routes and is said to be a smart player. The Maryland product has rare speed, but he has small hands and didn't produce. Louis Murphy looked more promising as a rookie. Murphy's hands are also a problem at times, but he has speed to gain separation and will leave some defensive backs in the dust. Chaz Schilens has great size and leaping ability. He's doesn't have the straight-line speed Murphy and Heyward-Bey possess, but he shows some quickness. Johnnie Lee Higgins, a smaller receiver with good speed, could see snaps in the slot along with fleet-footed fourth-round pick Jacoby Ford. The Raiders' go-to target in the passing game has been TE Zach Miller. He's a reliable receiver and a dependable blocker. Miller is a possession target and doesn't usually pick up yardage in large chunks.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Tom Cable was hailed as a fine OL coach before he was promoted, but he has yet to turn this unit into a finely tuned machine. There are concerns about the offensive line's best performer, OLG Robert Gallery, who is coming off an injury-plagued season. Gallery suffered a broken fibula, underwent an emergency appendectomy and also had back surgery, which ended his season in December. He expects to be ready for training camp, and Oakland's O-line is more effective when he is healthy. The converted tackle is tall for a guard, but he's a powerful run blocker and will take the proper angle when making a block. His counterpart on the other side, ORG Cooper Carlisle, isn't as athletic or strong as Gallery, but he plays with a high motor and does everything well. C Samson Satele doesn't bring ideal pop off the line, but he's strong. He's another high-energy player and could be challenged for a starting spot by Chris Morris. Langston Walker adds quality depth at guard. Khalif Barnes, who was limited to playing in a career-low six games last season because of injury, is the front-runner to win the starting ORT job. OLT Mario Henderson heads into his second straight season as a full-time starter, and while he may never be an elite player, he seems to be improving. At 6-foot-7, he will struggle to gain leverage at times but is athletic and shows good balance. Oakland drafted two tackles to groom. Jared Veldheer and Bruce Campbell are considered raw, but they have upside.

DEFENSE

Despite the defense's struggles — it ranked 26th last year — coordinator John Marshall was retained in the offseason. There are theories that the defense's problems stem from running a predictable scheme that offenses prepare for and often pick apart. The secondary plays mostly man coverage, and the Raiders don't blitz much, leaving the front four to

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	St. Louis	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	Houston	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 10	San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 17	at San Francisco	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Denver	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 31	Seattle	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	Kansas City	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 14	BYE	
Nov. 21	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Miami	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	at San Diego	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Denver	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 26	Indianapolis	4:05 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Oakland

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 14	San Diego	(+10.5)	20-24
Sept. 20	At Kansas City	(+3)	13-10
Sept. 27	Denver	(+2.5)	3-23
Oct. 4	At Houston	(+8.5)	6-29
Oct. 11	At N.Y. Giants	(+15.5)	7-44
Oct. 18	Philadelphia	(+14.5)	13-9
Oct. 25	New York Jets	(+6)	0-38
Nov. 1	At San Diego	(+16)	16-24
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 15	Kansas City	(-2.5)	10-16
Nov. 22	Cincinnati	(+8.5)	20-17
Nov. 26	At Dallas	(+13.5)	7-24
Dec. 6	At Pittsburgh	(+15)	27-24
Dec. 13	Washington	(+2)	13-34
Dec. 20	At Denver	(+14)	20-19
Dec. 27	At Cleveland	(+3)	9-23
Jan. 3	Baltimore	(+10)	13-21

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**S.D.**	**@K.C.**	**DEN.**	**@HOU.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**PHIL.**	**N.Y.J.**	**@S.D.**	**K.C.**	**CIN.**	**@DALL.**	**@PITT.**	**WASH.**	**@DEN.**	**@CLEV.**	**BALT.**	
Score	20-24	13-10	3-23	6-29	7-44	13-9	0-38	16-24	10-16	20-17	7-24	27-24	13-34	20-19	9-23	13-21	
Total net yards	366	166	137	165	124	325	263	180	272	275	305	396	227	343	389	325	4258
Rushing yards	148	67	95	45	60	116	119	99	182	92	124	109	65	241	88	51	1701
Passing yards	218	99	42	120	64	209	144	81	90	183	181	287	162	102	301	274	2557
Rushing plays	32	25	23	21	25	35	19	27	30	24	24	28	24	34	19	20	410
Sacks allowed	1	2	3	3	6	2	3	5	2	0	3	3	8	1	4	3	49
Had intercepted	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	18
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	15
Yards penalized	40	45	53	60	67	23	24	31	88	13	70	70	118	62	126	30	920
Punts	4	7	4	8	7	7	5	4	11	4	9	6	6	4	5	5	96
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	28:23	38:39	36:15	34:13	36:04	26:58	35:57	30:29	28:54	38:24	31:14	27:11	27:53	28:34	30:22	27:46	31:42
Total net yards	317	409	372	329	483	283	447	346	318	348	494	401	295	337	282	330	5791
Rushing yards	77	173	215	120	220	67	316	100	112	177	195	132	100	80	164	240	2488
Passing yards	240	236	157	209	263	216	131	246	206	171	299	269	195	257	118	90	3303
Rushing plays	23	38	45	41	41	14	54	30	31	43	25	27	27	28	46	35	548
Sacks allowed	3	2	0	4	0	6	1	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	2	4	37
Had intercepted	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	12
Yards penalized	60	70	30	5	37	38	8	40	35	59	48	41	45	67	64	37	684
Punts	5	5	2	7	3	8	3	3	6	4	6	3	5	6	6	5	77

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Bush	12-55-1	9-35-0	6-20-0	3-10-0	12-37-1	6-22-0	8-25-0	7-27-0	14-119-0	4-27-0	3-8-0	1-1-0		18-133-1	10-52-0	10-18-0	123-589-3
Fargas			2-8-0	10-24-0	11-18-0	23-87-0	8-67-0	18-59-1	10-41-1	8-32-0	12-63-0	15-63-0	9-21-1	3-8-0			129-491-3
Gradkowski							2-25-0		1-9-0	6-8-0	3-30-0	3-20-0	3-16-0				18-108-0
McFadden	17-68-0	12-35-1	12-45-0	6-(-2)-0					4-11-0	6-25-0	6-23-0	9-25-0	8-21-0	12-74-0	7-23-0	5-9-0	104-357-1
J. Russell	2-6-0	3-(-3)-0	3-22-0		2-5-0	5-8-0		1-1-0								2-5-0	18-44-0

PASSING **

Frye														9-17-1 68-0	26-45-3 333-0	18-25-0 180-1	53-87-4 581-1
Gradkowski	2-2-0 17-0						10-19-0 97-0		5-9-2 49-0	17-34-1 183-2	18-35-0 200-1	20-33-0 308-3	10-18-0 153-0				82-150-3 1007-6
J. Russell	12-30-2 208-1	7-24-0 109-0	12-21-2 61-0	12-33-0 128-0	8-13-0 100-0	17-28-2 224-1	6-11-2 61-0	14-22-1 109-0	8-23-0 64-0				10-16-1 74-0	5-11-0 47-1		9-14-1 102-0	120-246-11 1287-3

RECEIVING

Bush	1-4-0	1-17-0	4-20-0	1-4-0	1-6-0	1-2-0	1-6-0	2-14-0	2-10-0					1-11-0	1-7-0	1-4-0	17-105-0
Fargas			2-(-4)-0	1-14-0	1-9-0	1-11-0	3-23-0	3-20-0		2-17-0	1-4-0	2-13-0	1-6-0				17-113-0
Heyward-Bey		1-18-0		1-18-0			2-28-0	1-10-0	1-22-0	1-7-0	2-21-1						9-124-1
Higgins						1-2-0		1-6-0	4-41-0			4-63-0	3-35-0	1-12-0	1-33-0	4-71-0	19-263-0
McFadden	2-25-0	2-20-0	2-3-0	1-5-0						3-10-0	4-43-0		3-84-0		4-55-0		21-245-0
Z. Miller	6-96-0		2-17-0	3-33-0	4-69-0	6-139-1	2-15-0	5-52-0	1-9-0	5-65-1	5-73-0	4-43-0	7-46-0		9-110-0	7-38-1	66-805-3
Murphy	4-87-1	2-26-0	2-25-0	3-34-0	1-2-0		4-58-0			1-29-1	2-22-0	4-128-2	1-8-0	2-21-0	2-22-0	6-59-0	34-521-4
G. Russell						5-55-0	2-2-0		1-3-0				2-22-0		2-14-0		12-96-0
Schilens									3-27-0	2-41-0	2-32-0	3-45-1	2-20-0	5-37-1	4-64-0	8-99-0	29-365-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

apply pressure. Oakland has been particularly weak up the middle vs. the run, which is something it will have to improve to become more competitive. The team could mix in some 3-4 looks, although it likely will stick to a 4-3 base.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Oakland placed the exclusive franchise tag on Richard Seymour in the offseason to keep him from signing elsewhere. Injuries have taken their toll on Seymour, but he's still a disruptive player. He plays with power and is more of a run stopper than a pass rusher. Last year's other starting end, Greg Ellis, was released in the offseason and it appears Matt Shaughnessy, who had an impressive rookie season, will step into the starting lineup. His arms are long and tackles often struggle to lock out on him. Shaughnessy showed some pass-rush prowess and relies on a bull-rush to collapse the pocket. Jay Richardson, a run stuffer, will also be involved in the rotation at end. Defensive tackle has been a position of weakness for the Raiders, allowing running backs to consistently gash them. Tommy Kelly will have his share of good games, but he'll also disappear in other ones. He explodes off the line at times but is too inconsistent. The Raiders cut Gerard Warren in the offseason, and Desmond Bryant and rookie Lamarr Houston will be asked to fill the void. Houston has a high motor and will compete. His strength is bringing pressure vs. the pass.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Rolando McClain	ILB	Alabama	8
2	Lamarr Houston	DT	Texas	44
3	Jared Veldheer	OT	Hillsdale (Mich.)	69
4	Bruce Campbell	OT	Maryland	106
4	Jacoby Ford	WR	Clemson	108
5	Walter McFadden	CB	Auburn	138
6	Travis Goethel	ILB	Arizona State	190
7	Jeremy Ware	CB	Michigan State	215
7	Stevie Brown	SS	Michigan	251

R. McCLAIN

LINEBACKERS

Top pick Rolando McClain, an instinctive playmaker, will start at middle linebacker. Scouts say he's not a thumper, but he's strong and physical. The Raiders traded for former Brown Kamerion Wimbley in the offseason, and head coach Tom Cable has said he will be plugged in at strong-side linebacker. He played the same position in Cleveland's 3-4 defense. Wimbley has shown flashes of becoming an elite pass rusher off the edge, but he has yet to do it consistently. He has good size and is a hard worker, but he could struggle when the ball is run at him. Oakland moved Trevor Scott from defensive end to weak-side linebacker in November, and he's expected to continue playing at the second level. He gets by on effort more than natural ability or mechanics. Thomas Howard, who has started at least 15 games in all four seasons of his career, appears to be the odd man out at outside 'backer. He played on the weak side and strong side last season but looks to be headed for reserve duty. Howard is a great athlete with range to cover a lot of ground, but he simply didn't improve much and isn't a good enough run defender. Backup middle 'backer Ricky Brown is an intense competitor who lacks great athletic ability.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Quarterbacks rarely throw at Nnamdi Asomugha, who usually is planted on the right side. He's one of the most dependable cover corners in the league. He has quick hands and steps up to defend the run. With the ball coming his way infrequently, Asomugha will let his guard down on occasion and can get caught napping. RCB Chris Johnson is targeted quite a bit with Asomugha patrolling the other side. He does a decent job under the circumstances, but he will misdiagnose at times and can get beat deep. Stanford Routt is considered the third corner and likely will play in the nickel package. He has an outstanding combination of size, speed and quickness, but it hasn't led to success in the

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**85**	**HEYWARD-BEY**	15 Higgins	12 Ford*
OLT	**75**	**HENDERSON**	68 Veldheer*	74 B. Campbell*
OLG	**76**	**GALLERY**	70 Walker	
C	**64**	**SATELE**	51 Morris	
ORG	**66**	**CARLISLE**	63 Rodd	
ORT	**69**	**BARNES**	72 Pears	
TE	**80**	**Z. MILLER**	86 Stewart	83 Myers
WR	**81**	**SCHILENS**	18 Murphy	19 Watkins
QB	**8**	**J. CAMPBELL**	5 Gradkowski	2 J. Russell
RB	**20**	**D. McFADDEN**	29 Bush	25 Cartwright
FB	**22**	**G. RUSSELL**	44 Lawton	
DEFENSE				
DLE	**92**	**SEYMOUR**	98 Richardson	
DLT	**93**	**KELLY**	94 Joseph	
DRT	**99**	**HOUSTON***	90 Bryant	
DRE	**77**	**SHAUGHNESSY**	52 Groves	
SLB	**96**	**WIMBLEY**	58 Norris	54 Williams
MLB	**55**	**McCLAIN***	57 R. Brown	50 Ekejiuba
WLB	**91**	**SCOTT**	53 Howard	
LCB	**21**	**ASOMUGHA**	22 W. McFadden*	
RCB	**37**	**C. JOHNSON**	26 Routt	23 Ware*
SS	**33**	**BRANCH**	34 Mitchell	
FS	**24**	**HUFF**	31 Eugene	
SPECIALISTS				
P	**9**	**LECHLER**		
PK	**11**	**JANIKOWSKI**		
H	**9**	**LECHLER**		
PR	**15**	**HIGGINS**	12 Ford*	
KR	**17**	**HOLLAND**	12 Ford*	
LS	**59**	**CONDO**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Willie Brown, *defensive backs assistant/squad development;* Tom Cable, *head coach;* John Fassel, *special-teams coordinator;* Paul Hackett, *quarterbacks;* Mike Haluchak, *linebackers;* Adam Henry, *tight ends;* Hue Jackson, *offensive coordinator;* Sanjay Lal, *wide receivers;* John Marshall, *defensive coordinator;* Jim Michalczik, *offensive line;* Chris Morgan, *asst. offensive line;* Brad Roll, *strength and conditioning;* Kevin Ross, *asst. coach;* Kelly Skipper, *running backs;* Ted Tollner, *passing-game coordinator;* Lionel Washington, *defensive backs;* Mike Waufle, *defensive line.*

pros. His instincts and attention to detail are lacking. Rookie CB Walter McFadden is quick enough to play man coverage. FS Michael Huff started last season with a bang but faded toward the end and didn't make as many big plays. He likely will never live up to the expectations placed on him after the Raiders drafted him in the first round, but he seems to fit better at free safety after the team tried to make him a strong safety earlier in his career. Huff and Hiram Eugene have shared snaps at the FS spot and likely will continue to do so. SS Tyvon Branch is coming off a breakout season. He shows impressive short-area burst and makes a lot of tackles in run support. SS Mike Mitchell played well when given an opportunity late last season and is ultra-athletic.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Raiders have arguably the finest punter in the game, and PK Sebastian Janikowski is one of the top players at his position, too. P Shane Lechler kicks rugby style, so the ball spins off his foot like it would on a kickoff. He has elite leg strength and has become better at not out-kicking his coverage. Few punters in league history have been as capable as he is. Janikowski's range extends beyond 60 yards and he's accurate from long distance. The bulky kicker is also effective kicking off. Johnnie Lee Higgins handled punt returns last season, but it would be no surprise if the Raiders made him earn that job this year, as he averaged just 5.2 yards per return in 2009. Jonathan Holland handled kickoff returns last season and showed some promise. Jacoby Ford has sprinter's speed and could give the return game a jolt.

SUMMARY

There were some who thought the Raiders were headed in a positive direction prior to last season, but that didn't lead the team to a better result at the end of the year, as they only won five games. This will be a pivotal year for Tom Cable, and the way he handles the quarterback competition will play a signficant role in deciding his fate.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
	Anderson, Andre	RB	5-10	207	R	Tulane	
21	Asomugha, Nnamdi	CB	6-2	210	8	California	16/16
69	Barnes, Khalif	OT	6-5	325	6	Washington	6/2
10	Bodiford, Shaun	WR	5-11	185	4	Portland State	0/0
7	Boller, Kyle	QB	6-3	220	7	California	7/4
30	Boyd, Jerome	S	6-2	225	2	Oregon	1/0
33	Branch, Tyvon	SS	6-0	205	3	Connecticut	16/16
57	Brown, Ricky	LB	6-2	235	5	Boston College	5/5
27	Brown, Stevie	SS	5-11	215	R	Michigan	
90	Bryant, Desmond	DT	6-5	290	2	Harvard	16/0
29	Bush, Michael	RB	6-1	245	3	Louisville	16/7
74	Campbell, Bruce	OT	6-6	315	R	Maryland	
8	Campbell, Jason	QB	6-5	230	6	Auburn	16/16
66	Carlisle, Cooper	OG	6-5	295	11	Florida	16/16
25	Cartwright, Rock	RB	5-8	215	9	Kansas State	16/2
59	Condo, Jon	LS	6-3	250	4	Maryland	16/0
78	Cooper, Chris	DT	6-5	285	8	Nebraska-Omaha	0/0
	Daniels, Alex	DE	6-2	265	R	Cincinnati	
50	Ekejiuba, Isaiah	LB	6-4	240	6	Virginia	16/0
31	Eugene, Hiram	FS	6-2	200	5	Louisiana Tech	14/4
13	Figurs, Yamon	WR	5-11	185	4	Kansas State	6/0
12	Ford, Jacoby	WR	5-9	185	R	Clemson	
3	Frye, Charlie	QB	6-4	220	6	Akron	3/3
76	Gallery, Robert	OG	6-7	325	7	Iowa	6/6
48	Goethel, Travis	ILB	6-2	240	R	Arizona State	
5	Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6-1	220	5	Toledo	7/4
52	Groves, Quentin	LB	6-3	265	3	Auburn	16/7
97	Gunheim, Greyson	DE	6-5	265	3	Washington	0/0
	Guy, Trent	WR	5-9	166	R	Louisville	
	Heard, Kellen	DT	6-6	355	R	Memphis	
75	Henderson, Mario	OT	6-7	300	4	Florida State	16/16
85	Heyward-Bey, Darrius	WR	6-2	210	2	Maryland	11/11
15	Higgins, Johnnie Lee	WR	5-11	185	4	UTEP	15/5
17	Holland, Jonathan	WR	6-1	195	3	Louisiana Tech	14/0
99	Houston, Lamarr	DT	6-3	305	R	Texas	
53	Howard, Thomas	OLB	6-3	240	5	UTEP	16/15
16	Hubbard, Paul	WR	6-2	225	1	Wisconsin	0/0
24	Huff, Michael	FS	6-1	205	5	Texas	16/12
11	Janikowski, Sebastian	PK	6-2	250	11	Florida State	16/0
37	Johnson, Chris	CB	6-1	200	7	Louisville	15/15
94	Joseph, William	DT	6-5	310	8	Miami (Fla.)	6/0
93	Kelly, Tommy	DT	6-6	300	7	Mississippi State	16/16
44	Lawton, Luke (susp.)	FB	6-0	240	5	McNeese State	13/3
9	Lechler, Shane	P	6-2	225	11	Texas A&M	16/0
55	McClain, Rolando	LB	6-3	255	R	Alabama	
20	McFadden, Darren	RB	6-2	210	3	Arkansas	12/7
22	McFadden, Walter	CB	5-10	180	R	Auburn	
89	Miller, Nick	WR	5-9	180	1	Southern Utah	0/0
80	Miller, Zach	TE	6-5	255	4	Arizona State	15/15
34	Mitchell, Mike	SS	6-1	220	2	Ohio University	16/0
	Moline, Chane	FB	6-0	237	R	UCLA	
51	Morris, Chris	C	6-4	305	5	Michigan State	16/10
18	Murphy, Louis	WR	6-2	200	2	Florida	16/9
83	Myers, Brandon	TE	6-4	250	2	Iowa	11/2
56	Nixon, David	LB	6-3	225	2	Brigham Young	3/0
58	Norris, Slade	LB	6-3	245	2	Oregon State	4/0
	Parsons, Alex	OG	6-4	309	R	USC	
72	Pears, Erik	OT	6-8	305	5	Colorado State	12/4
45	Reece, Marcel	RB	6-3	240	2	Washington	2/0
98	Richardson, Jay	DE	6-6	280	4	Ohio State	16/0
63	Rodd, Brandon	OG	6-4	305	1	Arizona State	0/0
26	Routt, Stanford	CB	6-1	195	6	Houston	16/1
22	Russell, Gary	RB	5-11	215	4	Minnesota	12/4
2	Russell, JaMarcus	QB	6-6	260	4	LSU	12/9
64	Satele, Samson	C	6-3	300	4	Hawaii	15/12
81	Schilens, Chaz	WR	6-4	225	3	San Diego State	8/8
91	Scott, Trevor	OLB	6-5	255	3	Buffalo	16/6
92	Seymour, Richard	DE	6-6	310	10	Georgia	16/16
77	Shaughnessy, Matt	DE	6-5	270	2	Wisconsin	16/2
86	Stewart, Tony	TE	6-5	260	10	Penn State	15/4
	Tonga, Manase	FB	5-11	245	R	Brigham Young	
68	Veldheer, Jared	OT	6-8	315	R	Hillsdale (Mich.)	
70	Walker, Langston	OT	6-8	365	9	California	7/2
23	Ware, Jeremy	CB	5-10	185	R	Michigan State	
1	Waters, Swayze	PK	5-11	180	1	Alabama-Birmingham	0/0
19	Watkins, Todd	WR	6-2	190	3	Brigham Young	13/1
54	Williams, Sam	OLB	6-5	260	8	Fresno State	16/2
96	Wimbley, Kamerion	LB	6-3	255	5	Florida State	15/15

DALLAS Cowboys

2010 PREDICTION: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 11-5 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

W. PHILLIPS

HEAD COACH: Wade Phillips
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Jason Garrett
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Wade Phillips
OWNER/PRESIDENT/GM: Jerry Jones
STADIUM: Cowboys Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 80,000
PLAYING SURFACE: Matrix artificial turf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.dallascowboys.com

The Cowboys ridded themselves of a long-standing monkey by winning their first playoff game in more than 13 years, which is a success in and of itself. That win probably helped seal the deal that coach Wade Phillips would remain.

But now they must take the next step. Free of the clubhouse cancers and armed with a young, talented and deep roster, the Cowboys enter the 2010 season as one of the league's most dangerous teams.

With an offense that can strike — through the air or on the ground — from almost anywhere on the field and a defense that approached dominance near season's end, the pieces are in place for a title run. Need a reminder where next year's Super Bowl is being played? None other than Jerry Jones' year-old mecca in Dallas. The Cowboys would be the first host team to play in a Super Bowl, adding a thin veil of pressure to America's supersized team.

But it's hard to get the lingering taste of the playoff drubbing handed down by the Vikings in Minnesota last season out of their mouths. It's also difficult to imagine the Cowboys playing any worse, making it sort of a write-off affair.

Given that QB Tony Romo is in his prime, having made serious strides to put up one of his best seasons ever in '09, there's real hope that Dallas can end another streak — winning its first championship since the three-ring circus days of the early-to-mid 1990s. This team has that kind of talent, just without the histrionics to match.

JAMES D. SMITH
TONY ROMO

OFFENSE

Coordinator Jason Garrett has taken his fair share of criticism for falling in love with the passing game, but you can't argue with the work he did with Tony Romo and WR Miles Austin, a budding star. The run game showed signs of dominance when Felix Jones was healthy, which leaves the offensive line as perhaps the biggest key to this unit's success. When Romo is in rhythm and the run game is humming, few can stop this group.

QUARTERBACKS

Tony Romo clearly was bent on cutting down his interceptions. After a three-pick game in Week Two, Romo tossed only six the rest of the season. His 1.6 interception rate was third-lowest in the NFL. Romo showed better pocket command, didn't force passes and still made plays after things broke down. He also took big steps forward in terms of leadership and performance in the clutch. His toughness was on display, logging every snap last season, and he made most of his receivers happy, not letting WR Roy Williams' struggles bring the team down. Romo is backed by Jon Kitna, who has a similar makeup but is seven-plus years older and will be called on only in mop-up or emergency situations. Third-stringer Stephen McGee must show more in the preseason to instill confidence that he can play quar-

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OT Flozell Adams, FS Ken Hamlin.

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

None.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Tony Romo

DEFENSIVE MVP
OLB DeMarcus Ware

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
OLT Doug Free

POSITION BATTLE
FS: Alan Ball vs. Michael Hamlin

T. ROMO

D. WARE

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A-	A	B+	C-	B	A-	B	B-

terback in the NFL.

RUNNING BACKS

There appears to be a shifting of the guard here. Marion Barber, a power runner who had held the starting job the past two seasons, battled knee, quadriceps and thumb injuries and appeared to wear down. But that allowed Felix Jones, sidetracked early by injuries, to step in and show his electric ability. He has underrated drive, great vision between the tackles and rare edge speed to turn the corner. Jones is a 20-yard play waiting to happen, banging out one of those plays every 16.7 touches in two seasons. Barber, by comparison, has netted a 20-yarder every 37.9 plays over that stretch. Look for Jones to start, returning Barber to the second- and fourth-quarter role he had when Julius Jones was in front of him. The wild card is Tashard Choice, who has shown he can carry the load and make things happen. He runs with purpose and enthusiasm and one day could be a 15-carry back. Choice must be patient to get his opportunity, but for now he's the "Wildcat" point man and a more-than-capable third back who could start for a handful of clubs. FB Deon Anderson is a 20-play lead blocker with decent leg drive and finishing ability on run plays.

RECEIVERS

The Cowboys' patience with Miles Austin paid off in spades. Overcoming injuries and inconsistency, Austin became one of the NFL's breakout stars. His straight-line speed, improved get-off and consistent hands made him the team's most dangerous wideout. Austin did much of his damage after the catch, and refined footwork and route running allowed him to put up numbers Roy Williams can only dream of. Williams was expected finally to catch on in the scheme with a full offseason under his belt, but he never connected with Tony Romo on sight adjustments, ball placement and route depths. Plus, Williams' diminished confidence and role hurt his ability to catch passes and get open consistently. He has the physical ability but remains a mystery and a disappointment. And now he'll be pushed quickly by remarkably gifted rookie Dez Bryant, who has the requisite skills to be a true No. 1 receiver if he can mature, learn how to work and polish his route running. Patrick Crayton is solid, doing most of his work in the slot and showing he can gain yards after the catch. But he has asked for a trade, along with Sam Hurd, considering the young playmakers here. Keep an eye on WR Kevin Ogletree, who could be a factor. He was spoon-fed the offense but showed great speed and playmaking ability in limited chances. TE Jason Witten had another strong season, showing that his blocking ability shouldn't be overlooked even when he's not doing huge damage as a pass catcher. Romo got away from Witten at times but went to him often as a security blanket down the stretch. Backup Martellus Bennett was a disappointment after a great training camp. His raw tools are enticing, but the mental part of the game often escapes him. On one play, he can blow up a defender or streak downfield, but on the next, he can be guilty of a penalty, a dropped pass or a missed block. Third-string TE John Phillips is serviceable, hardworking and an asset on special teams.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Washington	8:20 p.m.
Sept. 19	Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 10	Tennessee	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Minnesota	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 25	N.Y. Giants	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Green Bay	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	New Orleans	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Indianapolis	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Philadelphia	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 19	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 25	at Arizona	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Dallas

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Tampa Bay	(-5.5)	34-21
Sept. 20	New York Giants	(-3)	31-33
Sept. 28	Carolina	(-8.5)	21-7
Oct. 4	At Denver	(-2.5)	10-17
Oct. 11	At Kansas City	(-7)	26-20*
Oct. 18	BYE		
Oct. 25	Atlanta	(-5)	37-21
Nov. 1	Seattle	(-10)	38-17
Nov. 8	At Philadelphia	(+3)	20-16
Nov. 15	At Green Bay	(-3)	7-17
Nov. 22	Washington	(-11)	7-6
Nov. 26	Oakland	(-13.5)	24-7
Dec. 6	At N.Y. Giants	(-1.5)	24-31
Dec. 13	San Diego	(-3.5)	17-20
Dec. 19	At New Orleans	(+7.5)	24-17
Dec. 27	At Washington	(-7)	17-0
Jan. 3	Philadelphia	(-3)	24-0
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 9	Philadelphia	(-4)	34-14
Jan. 17	At Minnesota	(+3)	3-34

* Overtime

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This unit struggled down the stretch and was in need of new blood, and it came with the release of penalty-prone OLT Flozell Adams. His replacement will be Doug Free, a more agile performer whose solid work replacing ORT Marc Colombo is worth noting. Free moves his feet well, gets downfield on screens and can wall off defenders. Colombo was strong early, but foot and ankle injuries ended his season after nine games. He has the power and mass to continue dominating, but only if his injury-torn body holds up. ORG Leonard Davis and C Andre Gurode lead the way inside. Both are punishing run blockers, Davis more so than Gurode. They have the initial punch to ward off most interior rushers, though quickness and stunts can give them trouble. OLG Kyle Kosier is rock-solid, not terribly athletically gifted, but smart and dependable and works hard to get to the second level. Kosier is rarely noticed, but the offense has struggled when he's not out there. The depth after Free is shaky, although 2009 third-rounder Robert Brewster has promise and could figure in at guard or tackle. Rookie Sam Young is an ORT project.

DEFENSE

The Cowboys were on a dominant tear down the stretch. Wade Phillips had taken command of the defense, which shut down most teams' run games, featured great edge pressure and allowed only 15.6 points per game. It was a top-10 group that was playing like a top-three unit prior to the playoff loss. The addition of Keith Brooking was a winning move, and the emergence of Mike Jenkins and Anthony Spencer took the group to a new level. There is strength on all three levels, with the biggest questions coming at safety and with the depth up front.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

NT Jay Ratliff is one of the league's best inside forces. Although his pass-rushing ability wasn't quite as consistently strong as it was in 2008, Ratliff sawed through double-teams, improved his overall play against the run and often freed other defenders up to make plays. His performance

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@T.B.**	**N.Y.G.**	**CAR.**	**@DEN.**	**@K.C.**	**ATL.**	**SEA.**	**@PHIL.**	**@G.B.**	**WASH.**	**OAK.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**S.D.**	**@N.O.**	**@WASH.**	**PHIL.**	
Score	34-21	31-33	21-7	10-17	26-20	37-21	38-17	20-16	7-17	7-6	24-7	24-31	17-20	24-17	17-0	24-0	
Total net yards	462	378	449	315	498	414	362	358	278	305	494	424	347	439	393	474	6390
Rushing yards	118	251	212	74	150	115	113	76	61	153	195	45	108	145	108	179	2103
Passing yards	344	127	237	241	348	299	249	282	217	152	299	379	239	294	285	295	4287
Rushing plays	24	29	32	25	26	28	29	23	14	33	25	23	27	36	30	32	436
Sacks allowed	1	0	2	5	1	2	2	4	5	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	34
Had intercepted	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	9
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Yards penalized	41	50	80	70	90	50	43	70	67	35	48	30	68	49	21	80	892
Punts	4	4	5	6	4	3	4	5	6	6	6	5	3	5	3	3	72
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	33:32	34:49	22:56	26:53	27:42	31:08	25:15	28:16	35:58	28:34	28:46	21:10	30:05	23:34	24:58	19:37	27:42
Total net yards	450	427	271	337	304	298	308	297	283	324	305	337	341	336	208	228	5054
Rushing yards	174	97	73	116	72	124	79	88	105	78	124	100	73	65	43	37	1448
Passing yards	276	330	198	221	232	174	229	209	178	246	181	237	268	271	165	191	3606
Rushing plays	31	26	16	25	29	26	22	24	28	20	24	23	31	13	17	10	365
Sacks allowed	0	0	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	1	3	1	1	4	4	4	42
Had intercepted	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	11
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	10
Yards penalized	20	40	60	81	50	30	53	82	100	27	70	10	24	30	33	58	768
Punts	5	5	6	6	8	5	6	3	7	5	9	5	3	4	8	7	92

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Austin							1-11-0								1-(-13)-0		2-(-2)-0
Barber	14-79-1	18-124-1		11-41-1	15-53-0	14-47-0	14-53-1	12-50-0	5-26-0	20-99-0	14-61-0	15-36-0	14-47-0	17-62-2	17-63-1	14-91-0	214-932-7
Choice	2-10-0	2-8-0	18-82-1	14-33-0	8-92-1		4-11-0	3-13-1	3-13-0	1-1-0	3-67-0	2-3-0	2-11-0	1-4-0	1-1-0		64-349-3
Crayton	1-5-0	1-20-0	1-14-0				1-(-11)-0										4-28-0
F. Jones	6-22-0	7-96-1	8-94-0			8-37-0	8-39-0	4-10-0	3-6-0	10-49-0	7-68-1	6-6-0	10-51-0	14-58-0	10-58-0	15-91-1	116-685-3
Ogletree								1-6-0									1-6-0
Romo	1-2-0	1-3-1	5-22-0		3-5-0	6-31-0	1-10-0	3-(-3)-0	3-16-0	2-4-0	1-(-1)-0		1-(-1)-0	4-21-0	1-(-1)-0	3-(-3)-0	35-105-1

PASSING **

Romo	16-27-0	13-29-3	22-33-0	25-42-1	20-34-0	21-29-0	21-36-0	21-34-1	24-39-1	15-27-1	18-29-0	41-55-0	19-30-0	22-34-0	25-38-1	24-34-1	347-550-9
	353-3	127-1	255-0	255-0	351-2	311-3	256-3	307-1	251-1	158-1	309-2	392-3	249-2	312-1	286-1	311-2	4483-26

RECEIVING

Austin	1-42-1	1-20-0		3-19-0	10-250-2	6-171-2	5-61-1	1-49-1	4-20-0	4-47-0	7-145-1	10-104-1	6-71-1	7-139-1	9-92-0	7-90-0	81-1320-11
Barber		2-31-0		2-27-0		1-1-0	1-(-2)-0	3-20-0	3-11-0	1-8-0	2-41-0	3-7-0	2-22-0	1-11-0	4-30-0	1-14-0	26-221-0
Bennett	1-13-0	1-11-0	1-3-0	1-13-0		3-32-0	2-18-0		1-6-0	3-43-0		2-20-0					15-159-0
Choice	2-6-0	1-3-0	4-36-0	5-47-0		1-23-0		1-8-0	1-9-0								15-132-0
Crayton	4-135-1	1-4-0	3-44-0	3-16-0	4-44-0	2-9-1	3-39-0	2-74-0	4-52-0	1-10-1		2-24-0	2-31-1	1-25-0	1-16-0	4-99-1	37-622-5
Hurd		1-7-0		3-62-0	1-10-0		1-36-1							1-6-0			7-121-1
F. Jones			1-20-0			2-6-0	1-30-0			1-7-0	2-1-0	3-13-0	1-2-0	1-10-0	4-27-0	3-3-0	19-119-0
Ogletree							1-19-0	2-38-0	1-1-0					2-23-0		1-15-0	7-96-0
Philips							1-0-0					1-8-0		3-40-0		2-14-0	7-62-0
R. Williams	3-86-1	1-18-0	4-75-0	3-35-0		1-16-0	2-19-1	5-75-0	5-105-1		2-15-1	6-60-2	4-74-0	1-14-0	1-4-1		38-596-7
Witten	5-71-0	5-33-1	9-77-0	4-31-0	5-47-0	5-53-0	4-36-0	7-43-0	5-47-0	5-43-0	5-107-0	14-156-0	4-49-0	5-44-0	6-117-0	6-76-1	94-1030-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

was a big reason ILB Keith Brooking had such a strong first season in Dallas. DLE Marcus Spears hasn't been as big of a playmaker as you'd expect given his size and wingspan. He has worked hard to become a solid five-technique, able to anchor vs. the run and flatten down the line, but he was being shopped as of this writing. DRE Igor Olshansky is a perfect fit on the other side, a blue-collar worker who flashes occasional bursts of pressure and is a steady run stopper who shields off blockers from OLB DeMarcus Ware. DEs Jason Hatcher and Stephen Bowen are good third-down options and potential replacements for Spears. Both can apply steady pressure, and Bowen has the athletic ability to drop in zone dogs and loop outside. NT Junior Siavii is strictly a run stopper who gives Ratliff a breather.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Dez Bryant	WR	Oklahoma State	24
2	Sean Lee	ILB	Penn State	55
4	Akwasi Owusu-Ansah	FS	Indiana (Pa.)	126
6	Sam Young	OT	Notre Dame	179
6	Jamar Wall	CB	Texas Tech	196
7	Sean Lissemore	DT	William & Mary	234

D. BRYANT

LINEBACKERS

After a tepid start, DeMarcus Ware began terrorizing opponents again. As one NFC offensive coordinator told PFW, "Your game plan starts with controlling him. Or trying to, anyway." Ware can bend the edge with his outstanding speed and body control, relentless pursuit and great upper-body strength. What freed him up even more was that LOLB Anthony Spencer finally blossomed into the all-around player the team had hoped. He already was a strong run defender (one scout called him the best run-stopping 3-4 OLB in the NFL), but he emerged as a legitimate pass rusher. Spencer was asked to drop more than Ware, and opponents tested him in coverage. But he became much improved when his rush ability made it far easier for the Cowboys to disguise who was rushing and who was dropping each play. Keith Brooking stepped right in and provided the glue in the middle of the defense. Wade Phillips knew what to ask of Brooking, even having Brooking blitz more than he had in Atlanta. Although he never has been a stack-and-shed linebacker, Brooking sticks his nose into the hole and can rally the troops in the fourth quarter. Fellow ILB Bradie James was a bit lost in the hoopla, but he quietly had another solid season. He's a smart, instinctive hitter who played more freely next to Brooking, and they did a good job of disguising blitzes in tandem. Bobby Carpenter fell into the nickel role and did a good job, though he's clearly not the impact defender the team hoped he would be and he could be dealt. Young LBs Jason Williams, Victor Butler, Brandon Williams and second-rounder Sean Lee all will have a chance to contribute, though snaps will be limited unless there are injuries. Lee is smart, tough and versatile.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Mike Jenkins was the team's most improved defender. He had five interceptions, deflected several more passes and allowed only one big play — the 76-yard TD against the Eagles in the wild-card playoff game, on which he fell down. Jenkins has great man-coverage ability, great ball skills and fluid hips. When he becomes a more consistent tackler, a Pro Bowl bid will be in the offing. Terence Newman was solid opposite Jenkins, though he still hasn't put it all together. Newman competes hard and can disguise technique and coverage well. He's strong in most aspects but not a game-changer. Slot CB Orlando Scandrick keeps most receivers in front of him, shows toughness in the run game and can blitz well. But he allows too many passes to be caught and was a frequent target last season. SS Gerald Sensabaugh turned out to be a good run stopper, and some of his coverage shortcomings can be attributed to a broken thumb he played through last season.

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	11 R. WILLIAMS	88 Bryant*	15 M. Johnson
OLT	68 FREE	77 McQuistan	
OLG	63 KOSIER	79 Brewster	
C	65 GURODE	69 Preston	
ORG	70 DAVIS	71 Procter	
ORT	75 COLOMBO	76 Young*	
TE	82 WITTEN	80 Bennett	89 Phillips
WR	19 AUSTIN	84 Crayton	85 Ogletree
QB	9 ROMO	3 Kitna	7 McGee
RB	28 JONES	24 Barber	23 Choice
FB	34 ANDERSON		
DEFENSE			
DLE	96 SPEARS	97 Hatcher	92 Dixon
NT	90 RATLIFF	95 Siavii	
DRE	99 OLSHANSKY	72 Bowen	78 Lissemore*
LOLB	93 SPENCER	57 Butler	
LILB	56 JAMES	45 Lee*	54 Carpenter
RILB	51 BROOKING	58 J. Williams	55 Hodge
ROLB	94 WARE	59 B. Williams	
LCB	41 NEWMAN	32 Scandrick	30 Wall*
RCB	21 JENKINS	26 Gordon	29 Floyd
SS	43 SENSABAUGH	25 Watkins	
FS	20 BALL	36 Hamlin	27 Owusu-Ansah*
SPECIALISTS			
P	1 McBRIAR		
PK	18 BUEHLER	5 Hughes	
H	3 KITNA	1 McBriar	
PR	84 CRAYTON	88 Bryant*	41 Newman
KR	28 JONES	19 Austin	85 Ogletree
LS	91 LADOUCEUR		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Dave Campo, *secondary*; Joe DeCamillis, *special teams*; Reggie Herring, *linebackers*; Jason Garrett, *assistant head coach/offensive coordinator*; John Garrett, *tight ends*; Todd Grantham, *defensive line*; Hudson Houck, *offensive line*; Joe Juraszek, *strength and conditioning*; Bobby King, *assistant linebackers/defensive quality control*; Brett Maxie, *secondary/safeties*; Skip Peete, *running backs*; Wade Phillips, *head coach*; Wesley Phillips, *offensive assistant/quality control*; Ray Sherman, *wide receivers*; Wade Wilson, *quarterbacks*.

Although he's steady and more consistent than former SS Roy Williams, Sensabaugh is a limited box safety. The problem is at free safety, where last year's starter, Ken Hamlin, was cut. Versatile Alan Ball is the clubhouse leader to start, but he's very slight at a playing weight of about 180 pounds. Ball has CB-like skills and is assignment-sound. Also in the mix: Mike Hamlin, who battled a hand injury and showed little as a rookie; rookie Akwasi Owusu-Ansah, a converted cornerback who might not play until midseason with a shoulder injury; and Patrick Watkins (10 career starts).

SPECIAL TEAMS

The kicking game was a major culprit and still stands as a serious concern. David Buehler and Connor Hughes figure to battle for the PK job, and the Cowboys would love it if Buehler — who showed his powerful leg with 29 touchbacks — wins the job and save a roster spot. But he had trouble hitting longer FG attempts in college and had zero tries as a rookie. P Mat McBriar is a weapon in field position. He can boom the ball and also has shown a nice touch dropping the ball inside the 20-yard line. Patrick Crayton has home-run ability as a punt returner, and Felix Jones has flashed as a kickoff returner, though the team would like to find someone else (perhaps Kevin Ogletree) to take the KR role if Jones is the lead runner. The coverage teams led by Alan Ball, Victor Butler and Pat Watkins were markedly improved under new coordinator Joe DeCamillis and should remain strong with a mostly static roster and the return of LBs Jason Williams and Stephen Hodge.

SUMMARY

The Cowboys believe they are poised to take the next step. They have the pieces in place for a title run and no longer must listen to talk about the playoff drought. Wade Phillips has shown he can coach the defense, also fighting off talk of his job being on the line. If the kicking issues are cleared up and the Cowboys can avoid the injury bug again, this team has serious Super Bowl hopes.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
4	Alvarado, Delbert	P-PK	6-0	200	R	South Florida	
34	Anderson, Deon	FB	5-10	246	4	Connecticut	16/10
66	Aumavae, Junior	NT	6-2	315	R	Minnesota State	
19	Austin, Miles (RFA)	WR	6-3	214	5	Monmouth (N.J.)	16/8
20	Ball, Alan	S-CB	6-1	188	3	Illinois	16/4
24	Barber, Marion	RB	6-0	222	6	Minnesota	15/15
73	Barker, Will	OT	6-7	315	R	Virginia	
80	Bennett, Martellus	TE	6-6	266	3	Texas A&M	14/6
72	Bowen, Stephen	DE	6-5	306	5	Hofstra	16/2
79	Brewster, Robert	OL	6-4	320	2	Ball State	0/0
60	Bright, Travis	OG	6-4	320	1	Brigham Young	0/0
51	Brooking, Keith	LB	6-2	242	13	Georgia Tech	16/14
88	Bryant, Dez	WR	6-1	217	R	Oklahoma State	
18	Buehler, David	PK	6-2	228	2	USC	16/0
57	Butler, Victor	LB	6-2	246	2	Oregon State	16/1
54	Carpenter, Bobby	LB	6-2	249	5	Ohio State	16/2
23	Choice, Tashard	RB	5-10	212	3	Georgia Tech	16/0
42	Church, Barry	S	6-1	222	R	Toledo	
75	Colombo, Marc	OT	6-8	318	9	Boston College	9/9
67	Costa, Phil	OG-C	6-3	307	R	Maryland	
84	Crayton, Patrick	WR	6-0	204	7	NW Oklahoma State	16/5
70	Davis, Leonard	OG	6-6	353	10	Texas	16/16
92	Dixon, Marcus	DE	6-4	285	1	Hampton	0/0
31	Donaldson, Herb	RB	5-11	225	1	Western Illinois	0/0
29	Floyd, Marquis	CB	6-0	190	2	West Georgia	0/0
68	Free, Doug	OT	6-6	313	4	Northern Illinois	16/7
26	Gordon, Cletis	CB	6-1	205	5	Jackson State	1/0
81	Greer, Rashaun	WR	6-0	206	R	Colorado State	
44	Gronkowski, Chris	FB	6-2	239	R	Arizona	
65	Gurode, Andre	C	6-4	318	9	Colorado	16/16
36	Hamlin, Michael	S	6-2	213	2	Clemson	6/0
97	Hatcher, Jason	DE	6-6	305	5	Grambling State	16/0
55	Hodge, Stephen	LB	6-0	238	1	TCU	0/0
16	Holley, Jesse	WR	6-2	213	1	North Carolina	0/0
14	Hudgins, Terrell	WR	6-2	229	R	Elon (N.C.)	
5	Hughes, Connor	PK	5-10	172	1	Virginia	0/0
17	Hurd, Sam	WR	6-2	208	5	Northern Illinois	16/1
56	James, Bradie	LB	6-2	247	8	LSU	16/16
21	Jenkins, Mike	CB	5-10	198	3	South Florida	16/15
98	Johnson, Curtis	LB	6-3	237	3	Clark Atlanta	3/0
15	Johnson, Manuel	WR	5-11	195	1	Oklahoma	0/0
28	Jones, Felix	RB	6-0	218	3	Arkansas	14/1
3	Kitna, Jon	QB	6-2	230	14	Central Washington	0/0
63	Kosier, Kyle	OG	6-5	307	9	Arizona State	16/16
91	Ladouceur, L.P.	LS	6-4	256	6	California	16/0
45	Lee, Sean	LB	6-2	236	R	Penn State	
78	Lissemore, Sean	DL	6-3	298	R	William & Mary	
1	McBriar, Mat	P	6-1	222	7	Hawaii	16/0
37	McCann, Bryan	CB	5-10	182	R	SMU	
40	McCray, Danny	S	6-0	214	R	LSU	
7	McGee, Stephen	QB	6-3	218	2	Texas A&M	0/0
77	McQuistan, Pat	OT	6-6	317	5	Weber State	7/0
35	Miller, Lonyae	RB	5-11	221	R	Fresno State	
41	Newman, Terence	CB	5-11	191	8	Kansas State	16/16
10	Nichols, Matt	QB	6-2	220	R	Eastern Washington	
53	Octavien, Steve	LB	6-0	246	2	Nebraska	14/0
85	Ogletree, Kevin	WR	6-0	192	2	Virginia	11/0
99	Olshansky, Igor	DE	6-6	315	7	Oregon	16/14
27	Owusu-Ansah, Akwasi	S	6-0	207	R	Indiana (Pa.)	
89	Phillips, John	TE	6-5	255	2	Virginia	16/4
69	Preston, Duke (RFA)	C	6-5	311	6	Illinois	0/0
71	Procter, Cory	OG-C	6-4	311	6	Montana	12/0
90	Ratliff, Jay	NT	6-4	303	6	Auburn	16/16
9	Romo, Tony	QB	6-2	226	8	Eastern Illinois	16/16
83	Ryan, Titus	WR	6-0	190	1	Concordia (Ala.)	0/0
32	Scandrick, Orlando	CB	5-10	193	3	Boise State	16/4
43	Sensabaugh, Gerald (RFA)	S	6-0	210	6	North Carolina	16/16
95	Siavii, Junior	NT	6-5	318	5	Oregon	15/0
96	Spears, Marcus	DE	6-4	309	6	LSU	16/14
93	Spencer, Anthony	LB	6-3	256	4	Purdue	16/16
61	Teofilo, Chet	OG-C	6-4	309	R	California	
62	Tepper, Mike	OT	6-5	320	R	California	
87	Tow-Arnett, Nick	TE	6-3	241	R	Minnesota	
13	Tucker, Verran	WR	6-2	202	R	California	
30	Wall, Jamar	CB	5-10	204	R	Texas Tech	
94	Ware, DeMarcus	LB	6-4	262	6	Troy	16/15
74	Washington, Lorenzo	DE	6-4	291	R	Alabama	
25	Watkins, Patrick	S	6-5	218	5	Florida State	13/1
59	Williams, Brandon	LB	6-3	248	1	Texas Tech	0/0
58	Williams, Jason	LB	6-1	246	2	Western Illinois	5/0
52	Williams, Leon	LB	6-2	250	4	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
11	Williams, Roy	WR	6-3	215	7	Texas	15/13
82	Witten, Jason	TE	6-5	263	8	Tennessee	16/16
50	Woods, Donovan	LB	6-2	230	2	Oklahoma State	0/0
76	Young, Sam	OT	6-8	316	R	Notre Dame	

2 NEW YORK Giants

2010 PREDICTION: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 8-8 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

T. COUGHLIN

HEAD COACH: Tom Coughlin
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Kevin Gilbride
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Perry Fewell
OWNERS: John K. Mara and Steve Tisch
STADIUM: New Meadowlands Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 82,500
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.giants.com

The Giants' 2009 season was a great example of why football games can't be played on paper. Because that's where it said the team had a potentially lethal defense and one of the NFL's best running games.

Eight losses and 427 points allowed (third most in the NFL) later, the Giants found themselves on the outside of the playoff picture looking in, far removed from the Super Bowl win two seasons before and their standing as the NFC's top-ranked playoff team in '08.

But most of all, their identity — power running on offense, aggressiveness on defense — seemed to be gone. QB Eli Manning can't be blamed for the troubles, as he had one of his best seasons and helped three young wideouts develop quickly, but the Giants no longer were able to bully people up front. And the defense, decimated by injuries and left without much of a pulse following Steve Spagnuolo's exit, was a shell of its former self.

The Giants fired defensive coordinator Bill Sheridan and turned to Perry Fewell to stoke the fire on that side of the ball. Also, the team will have a new face on defense with mainstay MLB Antonio Pierce gone following an injury-plagued season.

Head coach Tom Coughlin might realize that his strength lies in the passing game, but there's no question he wants to get back to physical domination again. It fits the Giants' mantra, but does it fit their personnel? Time will tell.

TUSP

BRANDON JACOBS

OFFENSE

The Giants would like to remain a power-running team, but the way Eli Manning operated, helping three young wideouts flourish, might give coordinator Kevin Gilbride second thoughts. The power run blocking was not there at times, though the Giants still have a physical offensive line and tough runners in Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw who can wear down defenses. It'll be interesting to see how the pass and run are mixed in.

QUARTERBACKS

Eli Manning had his most complete season. His accuracy was better than ever before, especially down the stretch, and he gained a full yard more per pass attempt last season than he had in his career. Although his interceptions and fumbles were up from 2008, Manning was able to keep his team in virtually every game with his newfound passing attack. Credit his leadership and work behind the scenes with the young wideouts as a crucial development. Manning has a fairly strong arm, knows the offense cold and can run the two-minute drill to perfection. He still has a couple of forgettable games but is becoming more consistent with each passing year. Backup Jim Sorgi arrives from the Colts, where he backed up Peyton Manning and is another solid option for Eli to bounce ideas off of. Sorgi has few special physical traits but

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

S Deon Grant, S Antrel Rolle, QB Jim Sorgi.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

QB David Carr, CB Kevin Dockery, P Jeff Feagles, TE Darcy Johnson, ILB Antonio Pierce, DT Fred Robbins, S Aaron Rouse.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Eli Manning

DEFENSIVE MVP
DE Justin Tuck

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
OT William Beatty

POSITION BATTLE
MLB: Jonathan Goff vs. Chase Blackburn

E. MANNING

J. TUCK

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B+	B-	B+	B	A-	C+	B	C

is smart. No. 3 QB Rhett Bomar was signed from the practice squad late last season and could stick.

RUNNING BACKS

Brandon Jacobs had a tough season, wrought with injuries and hampered by less effective blocking. He's a long strider who also was asked to shorten his steps, and it hindered his effectiveness to get into a gallop. He can do damage on the edge as well as slamming into the pile, but Jacobs needs space in which to work. He's so massive and not terribly shifty laterally that he works best with clear power lanes. Ahmad Bradshaw also was beset by injury, playing with two badly sprained ankles and cracked bones in each of his feet. When healthy, he is a one-cut runner who can knife through small holes and gain yards after contact. Bradshaw's physical style can lead to out-of-control running and fumbling, but he has an edge. DJ Ware once was thought to be a contributor but could be on the outside looking in if he doesn't show improvement. He suffered an elbow injury early and failed to impress late when given the chance. The man who could take his job is 2009 rookie Andre Brown, who tore his left Achilles tendon in training camp but should be at full speed this season. The coaches think Brown reminds them of ex-Giant Derrick Ward, a low-built, shifty runner with burst through the hole. FB Madison Hedgecock is a one-dimensional plugger who fills his blocking role fairly effectively.

RECEIVERS

Steve Smith turned into one of the NFL's best third-down options. He lacks great speed, but his savvy route running and ability to find holes in zones make him an ideal possession receiver. That's no knock, either; Smith is a quarterback's dream: a smart, tough wideout who gets open and makes first downs. He and Hakeem Nicks are expected to start after Nicks passed Mario Manningham late last season. After a preseason foot injury, Nicks showed he can outmuscle softer DBs, use his strong hands to squeeze passes and fight for yards after contact. He's not a burner, but Nicks makes big plays with his smooth striding and good playing speed. Manningham broke out early but suffered bouts of drops, mental mistakes and route sloppiness. He has big-play ability, but Manningham must clean up his game to earn Eli Manning's trust. Domenik Hixon and Derek Hagan did their best work on special teams and could give way to Ramses Barden, who developed slowly as a rookie but might emerge as a red-zone option with exceptional height and wingspan. TE Kevin Boss saw fewer passes thrown his way, but he has sure hands and a good catching radius. He's not a great blocker, but he improved his run technique significantly. The team might have a hidden gem in Bear Pascoe, who has a chance to earn a role as a power run blocker. H-back Travis Beckum did little as a rookie, and his role entering 2010 is unclear. He has natural receiving ability but might not be a great fit with all the pass catchers on the roster.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Breaking up is hard to do, but the O-line — long the Giants' bedrock — might require a facelift. There were pass-protection issues outside and a lack of a power surge inside in the run game. OLT David Diehl is a popular scapegoat, and as hard as he played, his best position might be left guard. He simply can't handle potent edge rushers effectively and might be best not working in space. OLG Rich Seubert is a battler, but injuries have cost him his power. He'd be best as a swing interior backup. And C Shaun O'Hara, despite a Pro Bowl bid, appeared slower off the snap than before. He's a smart positional blocker and has a fan in Eli Manning, but O'Hara needs a long-term replacement at some point. ORG Chris Snee is the line's best performer. Smart, ornery and consistent, he plays with power and became the one reliable run blocker the team could work behind. ORT Kareem McKenzie is still a bulldozer in the run game and can reach the second level, but back and knee problems and age have made him a liability in pass sets, especially with moving pockets. He was replaced down the stretch by William Beatty, who did a respectable job, though his future appears to be as a left tackle. Beatty's good feet and quickness could allow him to push Diehl inside if Beatty adds weight and strength. Kevin Boothe, Guy Whimper and Adam Koets are reserves who haven't shown much to date. Powerful rookie Mitch Petrus could win a job inside.

DEFENSE

Perry Fewell ran a Tampa-2 scheme in Buffalo but knows that doesn't fit the personnel here. They want to get back to the attacking, gap-firing, upfield ways of 2007 and '08 and will try to ramp up the pressure. The D-line has the talent and depth to create mismatches and manufacture a pass rush if key players return healthy. It might not be a blitz-heavy approach, but the hope is that an improved surge will mask any potential weak spots there might be in the back seven. There could be new starters at middle linebacker and at both safety spots.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

It was an extremely tough season up front. DT Jay Alford spent all year on I.R. with a left knee injury, DT Chris Canty took eight games to get into the lineup, DE Justin Tuck battled through a painful shoulder and DE Osi

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Indianapolis	8:20 p.m.
Sept. 26	Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Chicago	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Dallas	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	at Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Philadelphia	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 28	Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Green Bay	4:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Washington	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to New York Giants

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Washington	(-6.5)	23-17
Sept. 20	At Dallas	(+3)	33-31
Sept. 27	At Tampa Bay	(-6.5)	24-0
Oct. 4	At Kansas City	(-9)	27-16
Oct. 11	Oakland	(-15.5)	44-7
Oct. 18	At New Orleans	(+3)	27-48
Oct. 25	Arizona	(-8)	17-24
Nov. 1	At Philadelphia	(-2.5)	17-40
Nov. 8	San Diego	(-5)	20-21
Nov. 15	BYE		
Nov. 22	Atlanta	(-7)	34-31*
Nov. 26	At Denver	(-5)	6-26
Dec. 6	Dallas	(+1.5)	31-24
Dec. 13	Philadelphia	(+1)	38-45
Dec. 21	At Washington	(-3)	45-12
Dec. 27	Carolina	(-8.5)	9-41
Jan. 3	At Minnesota	(+8)	7-44

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**WASH.**	**@DALL.**	**@T.B.**	**@K.C.**	**OAK.**	**@N.O.**	**ARIZ.**	**@PHIL.**	**S.D.**	**ATL.**	**@DEN.**	**DALL.**	**PHIL.**	**@WASH.**	**CAR.**	**@MINN.**	
Score	23-17	33-31	24-0	27-16	44-7	27-48	17-24	17-40	20-21	34-31	6-26	31-24	38-45	45-12	9-41	7-44	
Total net yards	351	427	397	429	483	325	327	356	304	456	267	337	512	387	317	181	5856
Rushing yards	103	97	226	156	220	84	107	141	116	88	57	100	133	114	60	35	1837
Passing yards	248	330	171	273	263	241	220	215	188	368	210	237	379	273	257	146	4019
Rushing plays	31	26	49	33	41	19	26	32	29	26	16	23	31	30	19	12	443
Sacks allowed	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	2	5	1	3	1	3	2	4	3	32
Had intercepted	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	14
Fumbles lost	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	4	0	2	1	17
Yards penalized	30	40	60	54	37	110	30	25	104	64	45	10	54	15	29	95	802
Punts	1	5	4	4	3	4	7	3	5	3	5	5	3	2	3	7	64

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	23:52	25:11	16:22	29:13	23:56	36:07	29:44	24:27	22:13	29:52	35:30	38:50	25:14	25:45	32:16	36:52	28:28
Total net yards	272	378	86	212	124	493	288	391	226	352	373	424	374	302	416	487	5198
Rushing yards	85	251	28	124	60	124	72	180	34	90	138	45	77	89	247	129	1773
Passing yards	187	127	58	88	64	369	216	211	192	262	235	379	297	213	169	358	3425
Rushing plays	21	29	10	25	25	40	22	24	15	30	40	23	24	17	46	32	423
Sacks allowed	3	0	0	5	6	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	5	1	0	32
Had intercepted	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	13
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Yards penalized	32	50	25	55	67	55	60	45	20	16	61	30	45	52	20	45	678
Punts	5	4	7	7	7	4	8	3	5	2	3	5	4	4	2	2	72

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Bradshaw	12-60-0	9-37-0	14-104-0	12-64-0	11-110-2	10-48-1	12-32-0	9-21-1	14-39-0	12-34-0		7-47-0	14-55-1	9-61-2	11-53-0	7-13-0	163-778-7
Carr			2-(-2)-0		4-27-1	1-4-0								2-(-2)-0			9-27-1
Jacobs	16-46-0	16-58-0	26-92-1	21-92-0	21-67-0	7-33-0	13-76-1	20-86-0	11-67-0	12-39-1	11-27-0	13-39-1	15-60-1	16-52-0	6-1-0		224-835-5
G. Johnson			6-23-0		5-16-0									2-4-0			13-43-0
Manning	3-(-3)-0	1-2-0	1-9-0			1-(-1)-0	1-(-1)-0	3-34-0			1-3-0	2-(-2)-0	2-18-0		2-6-0		17-65-0
Ware									2-9-0	2-15-0	4-27-0					5-22-1	13-73-1

PASSING **

Carr			2-3-0 10-0	0-2-0 0-0	9-14-0 90-0	4-5-0 72-1								3-4-0 27-0		3-5-0 26-0	21-33-0 225-1
Manning	20-29-1 256-1	25-38-0 330-2	14-24-0 161-2	20-34-1 292-3	8-10-0 173-2	14-31-1 178-1	19-37-3 243-1	20-39-2 222-1	25-33-0 215-2	25-39-1 384-3	24-40-1 230-0	11-25-1 241-2	27-38-0 391-3	19-26-0 268-3	29-43-2 296-1	17-23-1 141-0	317-509-14 4021-27

RECEIVING

Beckum			2-8-0	1-15-0	2-12-0									1-4-0		2-16-0	8-55-0
Boss	3-62-0	1-13-0	2-27-0	4-41-0		1-18-0	3-35-0	3-70-1	2-17-1	5-76-2	2-22-0	1-10-0	7-70-1	3-57-0	5-49-0		42-567-5
Bradshaw	3-11-0	2-8-0			1-55-0		1-(-5)-0		3-27-0				4-46-0	3-29-0	2-3-0	2-33-0	21-207-0
Hagan		1-12-0			1-7-0			2-7-0						1-23-1	1-21-0	2-31-0	8-101-1
Hedgecock				1-9-0						2-9-1			1-5-0				4-23-1
Hixon	1-10-0	1-13-0				3-22-0	1-6-0	1-3-0	1-8-0	1-16-0	1-5-0		1-61-1	2-21-0	2-22-0		15-187-1
Jacobs	2-17-0			1-(-4)-0	1-8-0	1-2-0	2-11-0	2-21-0	1-1-0	2-13-0	3-30-0	1-74-1	1-9-0	1-2-0			18-184-1
Manningham	3-58-1	10-150-1	4-55-0	1-43-0	2-36-1	4-50-1	4-47-0		6-52-0	6-126-0	5-48-0	1-10-0	2-16-0	3-44-1	6-87-0		57-822-5
Nicks	2-18-0			1-54-1	4-49-1	5-114-1	4-80-1	4-53-0	3-39-0	5-65-0	4-66-0	2-37-1	4-110-1	2-66-0	6-44-0	1-(-5)-0	47-790-6
Smith	6-80-0	10-134-1	7-63-1	11-134-2	3-70-0	4-44-0	4-69-0	8-68-0	8-57-1	4-79-0	7-71-0	6-110-0	7-74-0	5-40-1	7-70-1	10-57-0	107-1220-7

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

Umenyiora had his worst season, benched for ineffectiveness. The team clearly expects a lot out of this deep unit, and Tuck, Canty and Alford should return ready to go. Umenyiora remains on a different page with the team, but he could return to Pro Bowl form if he's mentally right. Tuck didn't flash his power as much, because of the shoulder, and wasn't effective rushing inside from tackle. But he is expected back as the anchor up front. Canty was thrust into the lineup, given a lot of roles and responsibilities, but he should be settled down and ready to prove he can be an effective three-technique. Alford showed major promise, especially as a rusher, and might be a major contributor up front. Umenyiora was a liability in the run game and his pass rush leveled off after a solid start. Tackles and tight ends had their way with him, and he must rediscover the power and leverage he had earlier in his career. Mathias Kiwanuka replaced him and was moderately effective, though he's not a pure, natural edge rusher and does best when mismatched against slower blockers. NT Barry Cofield is an unsung plugger who might see his snaps reduced, though he had a quietly solid season. The veterans will be pushed by rookies DE Jason Pierre-Paul and DT Linval Joseph. Pierre-Paul is a raw edge rusher who likely will see a lot of nickel reps, but his intelligence is a question. Joseph is a superstrong inside battler who needs refinement. DE Dave Tollefson and DT Rocky Bernard round out this group, though Bernard might be fighting for a spot on the team.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Jason Pierre-Paul	DE	South Florida	15
2	Linval Joseph	DT	East Carolina	46
3	Chad Jones	SS	LSU	76
4	Phillip Dillard	ILB	Nebraska	115
5	Mitch Petrus	OG	Arkansas	147
6	Adrian Tracy	OLB	William & Mary	184
7	Matt Dodge	P	East Carolina	221

J. PIERRE PAUL

LINEBACKERS

Losing Antonio Pierce takes away a leader and an instinctive playmaker, but he lost his speed, had become a liability in coverage and no longer was a thumper. Rookie Phillip Dillard, Jonathan Goff, Chase Blackburn and perhaps Gerris Wilkinson could battle for the job. Dillard is stout and can move well, but he lacks Pierce's instincts. Goff is physical and willing to stick his nose in the trash but appeared hesitant and unsure. His physical abilities likely limit him to first and second downs. Blackburn is a heady reserve who can play any LB spot, but the coaches know they can do better. Wilkinson has moved around and is at a crossroads. WLB Michael Boley was the unit's best athlete and playmaker, but he was set back by hip and knee injuries. He has a light frame and plays best when unencumbered, but Boley has the quickness and blitz instincts to be a big factor. SLB Clint Sintim struggled converting from a college 3-4 rusher, but his ability to get upfield should serve him better with more comfort in the system. His strength allows him to engage tackles and battle tight ends, but whether he can carry the latter downfield remains a question. Bryan Kehl, who suffered a broken hand, is a solid reserve and special-teamer. The Giants plan to convert college DE Adrian Tracy into a strong-side rusher behind Sintim.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The team is concerned about the health of Kenny Phillips, who was developing into a fine safety before suffering a serious knee injury in Week Two. He was asserting his physical style consistently and becoming a big playmaker, but the signings of Antrel Rolle and Deon Grant and the drafting of Chad Jones raise doubts about Phillips' availability for the start of the season. Rolle has intriguing ball skills and can blitz effectively, but he missed a ton of tackles

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**88 NICKS**	82 Manningham	80 Hagan
OLT	**66 DIEHL**	79 Whimper	
OLG	**69 SEUBERT**	77 Boothe	
C	**60 O'HARA**	61 Koets	
ORG	**76 SNEE**	62 Petrus*	
ORT	**67 McKENZIE**	65 Beatty	
TE	**89 BOSS**	86 Pascoe	47 Beckum
WR	**12 SMITH**	87 Hixon	13 Barden
QB	**10 MANNING**	19 Sorgi	5 Bomar
RB	**27 JACOBS**	44 Bradshaw	22 A. Brown
FB	**39 HEDGECOCK**		
DEFENSE			
DLE	**91 TUCK**	90 Pierre-Paul*	71 Tollefson
NT	**96 COFIELD**	97 Joseph*	95 Bernard
DT	**99 CANTY**	93 Alford	
DRE	**94 KIWANUKA**	72 Umenyiora	
SLB	**52 SINTIM**	98 Tracy*	51 DeOssie
MLB	**54 GOFF**	55 Dillard*	57 Blackburn
WLB	**59 BOLEY**	53 Kehl	
LCB	**23 WEBSTER**	35 Dockery	25 B. Johnson
RCB	**24 THOMAS**	31 Ross	
SS	**21 PHILLIPS**	34 Grant	35 Jones*
FS	**26 ROLLE**	20 M. Johnson	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**6 DODGE***	2 Bond	
PK	**9 TYNES**	3 Swank	
H	**6 DODGE***	19 Sorgi	
PR	**87 HIXON**	83 Moss	
KR	**44 BRADSHAW**	87 Hixon	
LS	**51 DeOSSIE**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Jack Bicknell Jr., *asst. offensive line*; Tom Coughlin, *head coach*; Perry Fewell, *defensive coordinator*; Pat Flaherty, *offensive line*; Kevin Gilbride, *offensive coordinator*; Kevin Gilbride Jr., *offensive quality control*; Peter Giunta, *secondary/cornerbacks*; Jim Herrmann, *linebackers*; Al Holcomb, *defensive quality control*; Jerald Ingram, *running backs*; Thomas McGaughey, *asst. special teams*; David Merritt, *secondary/safeties*; Robert Nunn, *defense line*; Jerry Palmieri, *strength and conditioning*; Markus Paul, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Mike Pope, *tight ends*; Tom Quinn, *special-teams coordinator*; Sean Ryan, *wide receivers*; Mike Sullivan, *quarterbacks*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
93	Alford, Jay	DT	6-3	304	4	Penn State	0/0
45	Anderson, Vince	CB	6-2	205	1	Webber International (Fla.)	0/0
81	Ballard, Jake	TE	6-6	256	R	Ohio State	
13	Barden, Ramses	WR	6-6	227	2	Cal Poly	3/0
65	Beatty, William	OT	6-6	307	2	Connecticut	16/4
47	Beckum, Travis	TE	6-3	239	2	Wisconsin	15/2
78	Bender, Jacob	OG-OT	6-6	315	3	Nicholls State	0/0
95	Bernard, Rocky	DT	6-3	308	9	Texas A&M	15/0
57	Blackburn, Chase	LB	6-3	247	6	Akron	16/7
59	Boley, Michael	LB	6-3	223	6	Southern Mississippi	11/11
5	Bomar, Rhett	QB	6-2	225	1	Sam Houston State	0/0
2	Bond, Jy	P	6-2	216	1	No college	0/0
77	Boothe, Kevin	OG	6-5	315	5	Cornell	16/2
89	Boss, Kevin	TE	6-6	253	4	Western Oregon	15/15
44	Bradshaw, Ahmad	RB	5-9	198	4	Marshall	15/1
22	Brown, Andre	RB	6-0	224	2	North Carolina State	0/0
37	Brown, Courtney	CB	6-1	204	3	Cal Poly	0/0
15	Brown, Tim	WR	5-8	165	R	Rutgers	
49	Butler, Carson	TE	6-0	255	1	Michigan	0/0
84	Calhoun, Duke	WR	6-4	205	R	Memphis	
46	Campbell, Lee	LB	6-3	246	R	Minnesota	
99	Canty, Chris	DT	6-7	304	6	Virginia	8/4
85	Chandler, Scott	TE	6-7	272	3	Iowa	0/0
96	Cofield, Barry	DT	6-4	306	5	Northwestern	16/16
75	Collins, Nate	DT	6-2	290	R	Virginia	
63	Cordle, Jim	C	6-4	297	R	Ohio State	
3	Cruz, Victor	WR	6-1	200	R	Massachusetts	
51	DeOssie, Zak	LS-LB	6-4	249	4	Brown	16/0
66	Diehl, David	OT	6-5	319	8	Illinois	16/16
55	Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-0	245	R	Nebraska	
6	Dodge, Matt	P-KO	6-1	224	R	East Carolina	
54	Goff, Jonathan	LB	6-2	236	3	Vanderbilt	16/4
34	Grant, Deon	S	6-2	215	10	Tennessee	16/16
41	Greco, Michael	S	6-3	217	R	Central Florida	
80	Hagan, Derek	WR	6-2	215	5	Arizona State	16/0
39	Hedgecock, Madison	FB	6-3	266	6	North Carolina	16/9
74	Hendricks, Dwayne	DT	6-4	300	R	Miami (Fla.)	
63	Hill, Tommie	DE	6-6	245	R	Colorado State	
87	Hixon, Domenik	WR	6-2	182	5	Akron	14/2
43	Ingram, Kenny	LB	6-5	239	R	Florida State	
27	Jacobs, Brandon	RB	6-4	264	6	Southern Illinois	15/15
25	Johnson, Bruce	CB	5-11	182	2	Miami (Fla.)	16/4
29	Johnson, D.J.	CB	6-1	191	2	Jackson State	3/0
33	Johnson, Gartrell	RB	5-10	219	2	Colorado State	10/0
48	Johnson, Jerome	FB	6-1	265	1	Nevada-Reno	0/0
20	Johnson, Michael	S	6-2	207	4	Arizona	15/14
35	Jones, Chad	S	6-2	221	R	LSU	
97	Joseph, Linval	DT	6-4	328	R	East Carolina	
53	Kehl, Bryan	LB	6-2	237	3	Brigham Young	14/1
94	Kiwanuka, Mathias	DE	6-5	265	5	Boston College	14/4
61	Koets, Adam	C	6-5	300	4	Oregon State	2/0
70	Landolt, Dennis	OG	6-4	306	R	Penn State	
10	Manning, Eli	QB	6-4	225	7	Mississippi	16/16
82	Manningham, Mario	WR	5-11	183	3	Michigan	14/10
67	McKenzie, Kareem	OT	6-6	327	10	Penn State	12/12
83	Moss, Sinorice	WR	5-8	185	5	Miami (Fla.)	8/0
88	Nicks, Hakeem	WR	6-1	215	2	North Carolina	16/16
70	Okpokowuruk, Ayanga	DE	6-3	250	R	Duke	
60	O'Hara, Shaun	C	6-3	303	11	Rutgers	16/16
86	Pascoe, Bear	TE	6-5	251	2	Fresno State	4/1
62	Petrus, Mitch	OG	6-3	307	R	Arkansas	
21	Phillips, Kenny	S	6-2	210	3	Miami (Fla.)	2/2
90	Pierre-Paul, Jason	DE	6-5	270	R	South Florida	
8	Randolph, Dominic	QB	6-3	223	R	Holy Cross	
30	Rashad, Sha'reff	S	6-0	198	1	Central Florida	0/0
64	Riley, Rueben	OG-OT	6-4	305	1	Michigan	0/0
26	Rolle, Antrel	S	6-0	208	7	Miami (Fla.)	15/15
31	Ross, Aaron	CB	6-0	197	4	Texas	4/1
69	Seubert, Rich	OG	6-3	310	10	Western Illinois	14/14
52	Sintim, Clint	LB	6-2	256	2	Virginia	11/0
12	Smith, Steve	WR	5-11	195	4	USC	16/15
76	Snee, Chris	OG	6-3	317	7	Boston College	16/16
19	Sorgi, Jim	QB	6-5	196	7	Wisconsin	1/0
3	Swank, Sam	PK	6-0	193	1	Wake Forest	0/0
68	Taylor, Herb	OT	6-5	295	3	TCU	0/0
24	Thomas, Terrell	CB	6-0	199	3	USC	16/16
71	Tollefson, Dave	DE	6-4	255	4	NW Missouri State	15/0
98	Tracy, Adrian	LB	6-2	248	R	William & Mary	
91	Tuck, Justin	DE	6-5	274	6	Notre Dame	16/15
9	Tynes, Lawrence	PK	6-1	202	7	Troy	16/0
72	Umenyiora, Osi	DE	6-3	261	8	Troy	16/11
28	Ware, DJ	RB	6-0	234	4	Georgia	8/0
23	Webster, Corey	CB	6-0	202	6	LSU	13/13
79	Whimper, Guy	OT	6-5	302	4	East Carolina	6/0
58	Wilkinson, Gerris	LB	6-3	231	5	Georgia Tech	9/0
38	Williams, Seth	CB	5-11	185	R	Richmond	
36	Wright, Leon	CB	5-9	175	R	Duke	

and was inconsistent in coverage in 2009. The former cornerback often played center field in the Cardinals' scheme and might find himself in more double-high safety looks that protect him better. Grant also has his share of coverage issues but is tough and reliable, having never missed a pro start. Corner should be a strength if Aaron Ross returns healthy. But Ross will have to fight off Terrell Thomas, who had a team-best five interceptions, closed quickly on receivers and played with an edge. He's not foot-fast, but he plays the game at max speed. Corey Webster gave up big plays, but the safety debacle can be blamed for some of that. He's big, tough and can handle man coverage and appears to enjoy taking on tough assignments. Ross is a finesse cover corner with good instincts but might end up in the nickel role. No. 4 CB Bruce Johnson is fast and competitive and was solid in dime packages. SS Michael Johnson might have to fight off the physically gifted Jones if the rookie is focused. Johnson is best as a box defender, struggling in deep coverage.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK Lawrence Tynes struggled with consistency on FG attempts and kickoffs and could be challenged by former Wake Forest star Sam Swank. P Jeff Feagles retired, leaving the competition between seventh-rounder Matt Dodge and Aussie import Jy Bond. Dodge has a big leg and a good football temperament. Domenik Hixon is a valuable contributor as a kickoff and punt returner and gunner. These units' sub-par play also was another reason for the team's drop-off in field position.

SUMMARY

The Giants are talented but scarred. They fell hard and will need far more defensive consistency and offensive toughness to rebound, but there's no question — even in the brutal NFC East — that they can compete. They were 4-2 in the division and have the weapons to make a big run. Will this team return to its old running-and-defense identity or adapt to Eli Manning and a burgeoning passing game?

3 WASHINGTON Redskins

2010 PREDICTION: 8-8 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 4-12 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

M. SHANAHAN

HEAD COACH: Mike Shanahan
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Kyle Shanahan
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Jim Haslett
OWNER: Daniel Snyder
STADIUM: FedEx Field | **CAPACITY:** 91,704
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.redskins.com

It's almost tough to say which was owner Daniel Snyder's bigger fish this offseason, netting head coach Mike Shanahan or finally landing what Snyder believes is the team's quarterback savior, Donovan McNabb.

The Redskins have been plagued by both mediocre coaching and quarterbacking, so you can't overlook the significance of either move following the ouster of former head coach Jim Zorn and GM Vinny Cerrato and the move on from QB Jason Campbell.

Snyder wanted a shot at Jay Cutler or Mark Sanchez last year but landed neither. Instead, he green-lit Shanahan and new GM Bruce Allen to go after McNabb, who adds instant credibility to a team that suddenly went from rebuilding to competing right away.

Among other in-house changes include new defensive coordinator Jim Haslett, who is expected to use — at least part-time — a 3-4 scheme. Whether the Redskins have all the pieces to run such a defense remains to be seen.

But in an offseason in which the NFL went without a salary cap, the change was another example of the typically spendy Redskins eschewing big-name free agents and opting to make big noise in other ways.

Shanahan is a proven winner who has a serious task with the 'Skins coming off a 4-12 season. And scheme changes on both sides of the ball will make for some growing pains. But landing McNabb is a clear sign the team could rise back to respectability a lot faster than expected.

SPORTPICS
BRIAN ORAKPO

OFFENSE

Mike Shanahan is one of the innovators of the West Coast offense, turning his attack into a run-heavy variation of the Bill Walsh scheme. There were times Shanahan's offense appeared dated toward the end of his run in Denver, but he's a master of making the most of his OL talent with a zone-blocking scheme, finding quarterbacks who can run his bootleg-and-rollout passing system and plucking the right one-cut running backs. His son, Kyle, is expected to have a big fingerprint on the offense, too, and call plays.

QUARTERBACKS

Donovan McNabb is coming off his best season since taking the Eagles to the Super Bowl following the 2004 season, getting the ball into the team's playmakers' hands and keeping his turnovers low. He should be a great fit in Mike Shanahan's system, which moves the pocket, gets the QB out into space and asks them to throw on the run. Those responsibilities fit McNabb's skill set; although he's not the scrambler he once was, he remains a great athlete who can step clear of a pass rush and hit moving targets. But McNabb has missed at least two games in four of the past five seasons and turns 34 in November. He also won't have the developed skill-position talent he did in Philadelphia, so you can bet he'll focus on getting the young wideouts up

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

P Josh Bidwell, CB Phillip Buchanon, DL Adam Carriker, QB Rex Grossman, OL Artis Hicks, RB Larry Johnson, DT Ma'ake Kemoeatu, QB Donovan McNabb, RB Willie Parker, TE Sean Ryan.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

RB Ladell Betts, QB Jason Campbell, RB Rock Cartwright, QB Todd Collins, DT Cornelius Griffin, WR Antwaan Randle El, OT Chris Samuels, CB Fred Smoot, OG Randy Thomas.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Donovan McNabb

DEFENSIVE MVP
OLB-DE Brian Orakpo

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Devin Thomas

POSITION BATTLE
RB: Clinton Portis vs. Larry Johnson vs. Willie Parker

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QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B+	C+	C	C-	C+	B-	C	B-

to speed on building a rapport. Backup Rex Grossman, like McNabb, is a former Super Bowl runner-up who hasn't started since losing the Bears' job. He has some competitiveness and is willing to take chances, but he is mistake-prone, has small hands and has confidence problems. Shanahan appears somewhat intrigued with Colt Brennan, who was hurt last season, as the No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

In 2006, Larry Johnson and Willie Parker were second and sixth in the NFL, respectively, in rushing yards and combined for 30 rushing TDs. Two years later, Clinton Portis ranked fourth in the NFL in rushing and was third in the NFL with 342 carries. But last season, each hampered by injuries and age, they combined for only 1,464 rushing yards and one rushing TD. It's true that Mike Shanahan's offenses have produced some unlikely 1,000-yard rushers, but few of them took the pounding these three have prior to doing so. Expect a training-camp battle between Johnson, Parker and Portis, and don't be surprised if Portis loses out, despite his history with Shanahan. The system requires decisive runners making one cut and going, but Portis' style has changed since coming to Washington. He's more of a pounder inside, unable to turn the corner after taking a toll in Joe Gibbs' and Jim Zorn's systems. Johnson has the most talent of the three but remains an enigmatic runner who never has been the same since signing for big money in Kansas City. He's limited in the passing game, needs more carries to be effective and isn't a breakaway threat anymore. Parker is a hard runner who can drag tacklers with him, but he, too, has lost a step. Ryan Torain has experience in this system. Torain has the size and cutting ability to make a splash. FB Mike Sellers had a poor season, but the new staff might be able to motivate him back to Pro Bowl form. At his size, Sellers can destroy linebackers on isolation blocks. Rookie Dennis Morris could see time at fullback, too.

RECEIVERS

Santana Moss lacks consistency and is a shade slower than his old self, though his career-low 12.9 yards per catch had as much to do with not being able to get balls downfield. Moss is still quick in and out of breaks and can turn a bubble screen into a big gain. But you might see more of him in the slot if Devin Thomas and Malcolm Kelly keep improving. Thomas is the more polished of the two and is likely to start. He still misses assignments, but he has a big frame, is gifted athletically and has big hands. Thomas has good speed after the catch, makes defenders miss and could break out. The new staff gave Kelly motivation after knee injuries have slowed him in two so-so seasons. He could be a good possession and red-zone option with nice height and soft hands but must stay healthy. The team signed Joey Galloway and Bobby Wade to add competition. Galloway appeared to lose his deep speed last season. Wade is a smart slot receiver who could stick. TEs Chris Cooley and Fred Davis make up one of the better receiving tandems at their position. Cooley is coming off a broken leg but is expected to be healthy in camp. He's a savvy receiver with good hands and is a better athlete than people realize. When Davis got a chance, he flourished. Although he's far from being a good blocker, Davis showed natural receiving ability and made fewer mental mistakes in Year Two. Sean Ryan and Lee Vickers are blocking tight ends likely battling for one spot, but rookie Dennis Morris could be kept as an H-back.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The zone-blocking scheme can mask some shortcomings, but it can't cover up wholesale problems. With the retirement of Chris Samuels, left tackle will be turned over to first-round pick Trent Williams. He has the feet for the position and the scheme, as well as exceptional athleticism. Williams, though, has a bit of a laid-back personality and might never be a mauler. Artis Hicks likely steps in at right tackle after being a jack-of-all trades in Minnesota. He's hardworking, selfless and intelligent, though he's hardly dominant. Stephon Heyer has good feet for a zone scheme, but he's coming off an awful season in which he took steps backward. Injuries and a suspect work ethic leave him without a defined position. Mike Williams shed more than 80 pounds to return to the NFL but might be too heavy-legged for tackle. He'll be tried at right guard. OLG Derrick Dockery wasn't great in his return to D.C. and fits better in a man-blocking scheme, but he remains a favorite to start. C Casey Rabach is smart, functional, uses angles well and plays with a low base. The wild card might be Chad Rinehart, a former third-rounder who played well in brief action before breaking his leg. He has toughness and appears to have caught up to the speed of the pro game. Rookies Erik Cook and Selvish Capers will battle with veterans Edwin Williams, Will Montgomery and Clint Oldenberg for roster spots.

DEFENSE

The Redskins are expected to utilize a 3-4 front some of the time for the first time in franchise history. Coordinator Jim Haslett has experience running a 3-4 back to his Pittsburgh days but primarily was a 4-3 coach with the Saints and Rams. There should be a lot of man coverage as the Redskins look to apply pressure. The coverage

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Dallas	8:20 p.m.
Sept. 19	Houston	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26	at St. Louis	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Philadelphia	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10	Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Indianapolis	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 15	Philadelphia	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Jacksonville	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Washington

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At New York Giants	(+6.5)	17-23
Sept. 20	St. Louis	(-9.5)	9-7
Sept. 27	At Detroit	(-6)	14-19
Oct. 4	Tampa Bay	(-9)	16-13
Oct. 11	At Carolina	(+4.5)	17-20
Oct. 18	Kansas City	(-6.5)	6-14
Oct. 26	Philadelphia	(+8.5)	17-27
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 8	At Atlanta	(+8.5)	17-31
Nov. 15	Denver	(+3.5)	27-17
Nov. 22	At Dallas	(+11)	6-7
Nov. 29	At Philadelphia	(+10)	24-27
Dec. 6	New Orleans	(+8.5)	30-33*
Dec. 13	At Oakland	(-2)	34-13
Dec. 21	New York Giants	(+3)	12-45
Dec. 27	Dallas	(+7)	0-17
Jan. 3	At San Diego	(+3)	20-23

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@N.Y.G.**	**ST.L.**	**@DET.**	**T.B.**	**@CAR.**	**K.C.**	**PHIL.**	**@ATL.**	**DEN.**	**@DALL.**	**@PHIL.**	**N.O.**	**@OAK.**	**N.Y.G.**	**DALL.**	**@S.D.**	
Score	17-23	9-7	14-19	16-13	17-20	6-14	17-27	17-31	27-17	6-7	24-27	30-33	34-13	12-45	0-17	20-23	
Total net yards	272	362	390	277	198	265	308	312	388	324	303	455	295	302	208	341	5000
Rushing yards	85	125	65	125	74	118	62	136	174	78	82	88	100	89	43	66	1510
Passing yards	187	237	325	152	124	147	246	176	214	246	221	367	195	213	165	275	3490
Rushing plays	21	33	14	35	24	20	19	32	40	20	25	25	27	17	17	22	391
Sacks allowed	3	1	2	3	5	3	6	5	3	1	1	0	3	5	4	1	46
Had intercepted	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	16
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	12
Yards penalized	32	35	97	40	20	63	60	88	19	27	39	15	45	52	33	14	679
Punts	5	2	5	4	5	8	7	3	4	5	5	1	5	4	8	5	76

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	36:08	25:07	36:48	31:04	31:17	37:10	28:17	26:28	24:17	31:26	30:18	31:41	32:07	34:15	35:02	27:27	31:11
Total net yards	351	245	381	229	248	268	262	306	305	305	381	463	227	387	393	364	5115
Rushing yards	103	126	154	129	86	110	122	181	120	153	123	55	65	114	108	50	1799
Passing yards	248	119	227	100	162	158	140	125	185	152	258	408	162	273	285	314	3316
Rushing plays	31	21	36	30	32	36	27	27	22	33	29	24	24	30	30	17	449
Sacks allowed	1	1	2	3	3	5	3	3	3	1	2	1	8	2	1	1	40
Had intercepted	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	11
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Yards penalized	30	45	58	40	27	30	66	54	45	35	60	102	118	15	21	17	763
Punts	1	4	6	5	4	7	8	3	4	6	5	3	6	2	3	3	70

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Betts	2-(-1)-0	4-13-0	1-2-0	1-(-1)-0	2-7-0	1-1-0		15-70-1	26-114-1	4-5-0							56-210-2
J. Campbell	1-16-0	7-28-0	1-21-0	7-20-0	2-4-0	2-6-0	4-8-0	5-40-0	2-15-0		2-2-1	1-(-1)-0	4-20-0	2-36-0	3-13-0	3-8-0	46-236-1
Cartwright							1-11-0	7-16-0	9-41-0	13-67-0	15-38-0	13-39-0	1-0-0	1-7-0	3-6-0	1-3-0	64-228-0
Ganther									3-4-0	3-6-0	5-32-0	8-46-0	14-50-2	10-21-1	7-13-0	12-29-0	62-201-3
Mason		3-5-0		2-8-0	1-6-0						3-10-0	3-4-0	6-32-0	4-25-0	4-11-0	6-26-0	32-127-0
Portis	16-62-0	19-79-0	12-42-0	25-98-0	19-57-1	15-109-0	14-43-0	4-4-0									124-494-1

PASSING **

J. Campbell	19-26-1 211-1	23-35-0 242-0	27-41-1 340-2	12-22-3 170-2	17-23-0 145-1	9-16-1 89-0	29-43-1 284-2	15-22-1 196-1	17-26-0 193-1	24-37-1 256-0	22-37-2 231-2	30-42-1 367-3	16-28-0 222-2	15-28-2 192-1	24-39-1 199-0	28-42-0 281-2	327-507-15 3618-20
Collins						6-14-0 75-0		4-5-0 12-0						2-4-0 57-0			12-23-0 144-0

RECEIVING

Betts	1-23-0	1-25-0	4-43-0	3-21-0	1-6-0	2-11-0	3-21-0	1-23-0	1-6-0								17-179-0
Cartwright			3-12-1					1-(-1)-0	2-9-0	7-73-0	3-26-0	3-31-0	1-8-0	1-51-0	5-14-0	1-19-0	27-242-1
Cooley	7-68-1	7-83-0	3-38-0	5-65-1		5-57-0	2-21-0										29-332-2
Davis		1-(-2)-0	1-13-0	1-(-1)-0	3-23-0	1-12-0	8-78-1	2-26-0	4-50-0	2-24-0	4-43-1	5-53-1	3-50-2	5-65-1	2-29-0	6-46-0	48-509-6
Kelly	1-6-0	4-41-0	1-18-0		1-8-0			1-4-0	1-18-0	1-36-0	2-50-0	2-13-0	1-10-0	1-9-0	4-25-0	5-109-0	25-347-0
Moss	2-6-0	3-35-0	10-178-1	2-74-1	4-44-0	1-42-0	6-74-0	5-47-0	2-8-0	5-38-0	4-28-1	5-68-0	4-58-0	3-55-0	8-92-0	6-55-0	70-902-3
Randle El	7-98-0	4-39-0	2-21-0		3-28-0	2-23-0	5-39-0	3-28-0	3-45-0	5-45-0	2-19-0	4-73-0	1-6-0	3-25-0	3-21-0	3-20-0	50-530-0
Sellers		1-12-0	1-4-0	1-11-0		1-4-0	2-6-0	3-56-0	1-35-1	1-7-0	1-12-0	2-17-0				3-12-1	17-176-2
D.Thomas			1-7-0		3-19-0		3-45-1		2-37-0	3-33-0	4-46-0	7-100-2	2-38-0				25-325-3
Yoder								1-3-1	1-2-1						1-2-0	1-2-1	4-9-3

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

needs to improve considering all the former first-round talent in the secondary.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

There's little doubt adding Albert Haynesworth helped open things up for Andre Carter and Brian Orakpo outside. The former had one of his best seasons and the latter was a Defensive Rookie of the Year candidate. But Haynesworth was a bit of a disappointment, set back by injuries but also guilty of taking plays off, too hot and cold in terms of effort. He's projected as a five-technique (matched up against offensive tackles) in the 3-4, which isn't where he's best. The Redskins hope NT Ma'ake Kemoeatu can return to health because he's an ideal fit as a two-gap plugger. Coming off an Achilles tear, there is some concern, but the ex-Panther has the work ethic and mentality to occupy multiple blockers. He could be backed by ex-Jet Howard Green. Phillip Daniels, ex-Ram Adam Carriker, Jeremy Jarmon, Kedric Golston and Lorenzo Alexander are other candidates to play defensive end.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Trent Williams	OLT	Oklahoma	4
4	Perry Riley	ILB	LSU	103
6	Dennis Morris	FB	Louisiana Tech	174
7	Terrence Austin	WR	UCLA	219
7	Erik Cook	C	New Mexico	229
7	Selvish Capers	OT	West Virginia	231

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Daniels no longer has edge speed but is exceptionally tough and could help the defensive transition. Carriker is a former top-15 draft pick who never fit in a 4-3 system. Jarmon flashed in a rotation last season. Golston is a solid part-timer who puts out great effort and will flash occasionally. Alexander also is a try-hard rotational defender, though his best value is on special teams. Carter, Orakpo and Chris Wilson likely will be used as down rushers when the team operates in four-man lines and will stand up in 3-4 formations.

LINEBACKERS

Brian Orakpo should have no trouble adjusting to the new scheme. In fact, it might be a better fit. He likely will be rushing the passer more without as much concern with covering tight ends, which is not his forte. He came as advertised as a rusher: superstrong and tenacious in pursuit with a natural feel for timing and getting off the snap. Although his sacks came in bunches, there's no reason to think Orakpo isn't a star in the making. Andre Carter struggled in the 49ers' 3-4 scheme and could see his time standing up limited, although he is coming off a surprisingly good season stopping the run. Carter also will be coming off a torn triceps that ended his season in December. Another OLB candidate is versatile Chris Wilson, who played multiple spots in the old scheme. Inside, London Fletcher is not a great fit in a 3-4, having to take on guards uncovered. He will have to fight through more trash than ever before and without Haynesworth directly in front of him as a shield. But Fletcher is a tackle machine who always has found a way to succeed. Rocky McIntosh figures to fill the weak-side ILB spot. He has battled through injuries but is very athletic and has good instincts and a knack for causing fumbles. H.B. Blades, rookie Perry Riley and Robert Henson provide depth inside, but like Fletcher they are considered short for the position.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

CB DeAngelo Hall isn't elite, but he might be the best the team has. He gives too much cushion in coverage, can be overaggressive and isn't a great run stopper, but he's a playmaker when the ball is within range. CB Carlos Rogers has been in a slump since the middle of the '08 season. Although he's tough and will support the run, Rogers has had trouble with double moves and doesn't make many plays on the ball. The team signed Phillip Buchanon, who could vie for a

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**89 MOSS**	Wade	
OLT	**T. WILLIAMS***	74 Heyer	
OLG	**66 DOCKERY**	77 Rinehart	
C	**61 RABACH**	63 Montgomery	Cook*
ORG	**71 M. WILLIAMS**	77 Rinehart	
ORT	**75 HICKS**	74 Heyer	Capers*
TE	**47 COOLEY**	86 Davis	85 Ryan
WR	**11 THOMAS**	12 Kelly	Galloway
QB	**5 McNABB**	8 Grossman	15 Brennan
RB	**26 PORTIS**	27 Johnson	39 Parker
FB	**45 SELLERS**	Morris*	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**93 DANIELS**	Carriker	97 Alexander
NT	**96 KEMOEATU**	72 Green	
DRE	**92 HAYNESWORTH**	64 Golston	90 Jarmon
LOLB	**98 ORAKPO**	95 Wilson	
LILB	**59 FLETCHER**	54 Blades	
RILB	**52 McINTOSH**	Riley*	51 Henson
ROLB	**99 CARTER**	91 Jackson	55 Bowen
LCB	**22 ROGERS**	31 Buchanon	25 Barnes
RCB	**23 HALL**	20 Tryon	38 McCauley
SS	**37 DOUGHTY**	48 Horton	
FS	**30 LANDRY**	41 Moore	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**3 BIDWELL**		
PK	**4 GANO**	6 Medlock	
H	**3 BIDWELL**	8 Grossman	
PR	**89 MOSS**	31 Buchanon	Austin*
KR	**11 THOMAS**	Austin*	
LS	**57 SUNDBERG**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Malcolm Blacken, *asst. strength/conditioning*; Jacob Burney, *defensive line*; Jon Embree, *tight ends*; Chad Englehart, *asst. strength/conditioning*; Richmond Flowers, *coaching assistant*; Chris Foerster, *offensive line*; Jim Haslett, *defensive coordinator*; Richard Hightower, *special-teams assistant*; Steve Jackson, *safeties*; Matt LaFleur, *quarterbacks*; Keenan McCardell, *wide receivers*; Sean McVay, *offensive assistant*; Kirk Olivadotti, *defensive assistant*; Kyle Shanahan, *offensive coordinator*; Mike Shanahan, *head coach*; Bob Slowik, *defensive backs*; Danny Smith, *special-teams coordinator*; Lou Spanos, *linebackers*; Bobby Turner, *asst. head coach/running backs*; Ray Wright, *head strength/conditioning*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
97	Alexander, Lorenzo	DE-LB	6-1	275	4	California	16/0
13	Armstrong, Anthony	WR	5-11	183	1	West Texas A&M	0/0
	Austin, Terrence	WR	5-11	172	R	UCLA	
25	Barnes, Kevin	CB	6-1	188	2	Maryland	4/0
10	Bartel, Richard	QB	6-3	230	2	Tarleton State	0/0
3	Bidwell, Josh	P	6-3	220	11	Oregon	0/0
54	Blades, H.B.	LB	5-10	242	4	Pittsburgh	16/1
55	Bowen, Alvin	LB	6-1	223	3	Iowa State	0/0
15	Brennan, Colt	QB	6-3	212	3	Hawaii	0/0
76	Bryant, Anthony	NT	6-3	335	4	Alabama	0/0
31	Buchanon, Phillip	CB	5-11	186	9	Miami (Fla.)	13/11
	Capers, Selvish	OT	6-5	308	R	West Virginia	
	Carriker, Adam	DE	6-6	296	4	Nebraska	0/0
99	Carter, Andre	LB	6-4	253	10	California	16/16
	Cook, Erik	C-OG	6-6	318	R	New Mexico	
47	Cooley, Chris	TE	6-3	250	7	Utah State	7/7
93	Daniels, Phillip	DE	6-5	305	15	Georgia	16/16
86	Davis, Fred	TE	6-4	257	3	USC	16/11
66	Dockery, Derrick	OG	6-6	326	8	Texas	16/16
37	Doughty, Reed	S	6-1	205	5	Northern Colorado	15/7
24	Dutch, Doug	CB	5-11	199	1	Michigan	0/0
69	Fanaika, Paul	OG	6-5	327	2	Arizona State	0/0
59	Fletcher, London	LB	5-10	245	13	John Carroll	16/16
	Galloway, Joey	WR	5-11	197	16	Ohio State	3/2
4	Gano, Graham	PK	6-2	200	1	Florida State	0/0
56	Gatewood, Curtis	LB	6-3	240	2	Vanderbilt	0/0
64	Golston, Kedric	DL	6-4	300	5	Georgia	16/6
72	Green, Howard	NT	6-2	320	6	LSU	12/0
8	Grossman, Rex	QB	6-1	217	8	Florida	1/0
83	Hagans, Marques	WR	5-10	205	2	Virginia	0/0
23	Hall, DeAngelo	CB	5-10	195	7	Virginia Tech	13/12
92	Haynesworth, Albert	DL	6-6	350	9	Tennessee	12/12
51	Henson, Robert	LB	6-0	242	2	TCU	6/0
74	Heyer, Stephon	OT	6-6	330	4	Maryland	16/16
75	Hicks, Artis	OT-OG	6-4	335	9	Memphis	16/3
62	Holmes, Antoine	DL	6-2	289	1	North Carolina State	0/0
29	Holmes, Lendy	S	6-1	201	2	Oklahoma	8/0
48	Horton, Chris	S	6-1	211	3	UCLA	8/5
91	Jackson, Rob	DE	6-4	269	2	Kansas State	5/0
	Jacobs, Trey	DL	6-4	295	R	Liberty	
90	Jarmon, Jeremy	DE-LB	6-3	277	2	Kentucky	11/0
27	Johnson, Larry	RB	6-1	230	8	Penn State	14/7
12	Kelly, Malcolm	WR	6-4	227	3	Oklahoma	16/9
96	Kemoeatu, Maake	NT	6-5	345	9	Utah	0/0
30	Landry, LaRon	S	6-0	210	4	LSU	15/15
78	Lichtensteiger, Kory	OG	6-2	289	2	Bowling Green	0/0
38	McCauley, Marcus	CB	6-0	203	4	Fresno State	0/0
52	McIntosh, Rocky	LB	6-2	238	5	Miami (Fla.)	16/15
5	McNabb, Donovan	QB	6-2	240	12	Syracuse	14/14
6	Medlock, Justin	PK	5-11	201	1	UCLA	0/0
63	Montgomery, Will	C-OG	6-3	305	5	Virginia Tech	16/3
41	Moore, Kareem	S	5-11	218	3	Nicholls State	16/1
	Morris, Dennis	FB-TE	6-2	265	R	Louisiana Tech	
89	Moss, Santana	WR	5-10	200	10	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
68	Oldenburg, Clint	OT	6-5	302	1	Colorado State	0/0
98	Orakpo, Brian	LB-DE	6-4	260	2	Texas	16/16
39	Parker, Willie	RB	5-10	209	7	North Carolina	14/3
79	Peterson, Greg	DL	6-5	315	4	North Carolina Central	2/0
26	Portis, Clinton	RB	5-11	221	9	Miami (Fla.)	8/8
61	Rabach, Casey	C	6-4	295	10	Wisconsin	16/16
	Riley, Perry	LB	6-0	240	R	LSU	
77	Rinehart, Chad	OG-OT	6-5	310	3	Northern Iowa	5/4
73	Robinson, William	OT	6-5	297	2	San Diego State	1/0
22	Rogers, Carlos	CB	6-0	190	6	Auburn	16/15
	Russell, Anderson	S	6-0	205	R	Ohio State	
85	Ryan, Sean	TE	6-5	260	7	Boston College	10/8
	Scott, Darrion	DL	6-3	289	5	Ohio State	0/0
45	Sellers, Mike	FB	6-3	273	11	Walla Walla CC (Wash.)	15/8
57	Sundberg, Nick	LS	6-0	245	1	California	0/0
11	Thomas, Devin	WR	6-2	215	3	Michigan State	14/10
46	Torain, Ryan	RB	6-1	225	2	Arizona State	0/0
20	Tryon, Justin	CB	5-9	183	3	Arizona State	15/1
88	Vickers, Lee	TE	6-6	275	2	North Alabama	0/0
	Wade, Bobby	WR	5-10	186	8	Arizona	12/6
34	Westbrook, Byron	CB	5-10	198	2	Salisbury (Md.)	15/1
50	Williams, Edwin	C-OG	6-3	315	2	Maryland	4/2
71	Williams, Mike	OG-OT	6-7	337	7	Texas	9/8
87	Williams, Roydell	WR	6-0	187	4	Tulane	0/0
	Williams, Trent	OT	6-5	314	R	Oklahoma	
95	Wilson, Chris	LB-DE	6-4	247	4	Northwood (Mich.)	16/0
36	Young, Darrel	RB	5-11	245	1	Villanova	0/0

starting role but at the least will handle nickel duty. He's best in man-off coverage and can turn and run with fast wideouts, but Buchanon can be sensitive to tough coaching and hasn't made a lot of plays the past few seasons. CB Justin Tryon made a big jump in Year Two, which is what the coaches hope Kevin Barnes can do in his second season. Chris Horton and Reed Doughty have traded off at strong safety and likely will battle for the spot again. Horton is a hitter, as is Doughty, though Doughty was more consistent and assignment-sound last season. FS LaRon Landry would be best closer to the line of scrimmage, even though he has great range. Landry can lay the wood and has some ball skills, but his instincts in deep coverage looked horrible last season. Too often, he bit on play-action and watched the QB's eyes on his first read.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Relative unknowns Justin Medlock and Graham Gano will battle for PK duties, though both could be kept if Gano shows great length on kickoffs. Josh Bidwell hasn't punted in two years after being cut by the Bucs but has the inside track to earning the job. Devin Thomas (kickoffs) and Santana Moss (punts) can handle return duty part-time, but both play big roles on offense. Veteran Phillip Buchanon and rookie Terrence Austin could help there. Coordinator Danny Smith is still one of the best in the NFL. His coverage teams were terrific, led by Reed Doughty, Kareem Moore, Lorenzo Alexander and H.B. Blades.

SUMMARY

Donovan McNabb and Mike Shanahan add instant credibility to a team that fell hard and fast the past few years. But they are not miracle workers, either. The defense is still missing some pieces, the offensive line has big holes and the offensive backfield remains a mystery. Are the Redskins better than they were at the end of last season? Yes, but how much so remains a mystery, especially in a loaded division.

4 PHILADELPHIA Eagles

2010 PREDICTION: 8-8 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC EAST)*
2009 RECORD: 11-5 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC EAST)*

TEAM PROFILE

A. REID

HEAD COACH: Andy Reid
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Marty Mornhinweg
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Sean McDermott
OWNER: Jeffrey Lurie
STADIUM: Lincoln Financial Field | **CAPACITY:** 67,594
PLAYING SURFACE: DD Grassmaster (natural grass)
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.philadelphiaeagles.com

The Eagles made the move they believed they had to, trading Donovan McNabb. Andy Reid soon will find out if breaking up an 11-year partnership with his quarterback was the right move.

Reid has turned to Kevin Kolb, the fourth-year QB with only two starts — both 300-yard games, the first QB to accomplish that feat in his first two starts — under his belt. And in Kolb, Reid and the Eagles see a bit of Brett Favre, a gutsy gunslinger who has a different skill set from his predecessor.

It seemed the Eagles had gone as far as they could with McNabb, who led them to five NFC title games and one Super Bowl but never won the biggest game. Last season was an example of that perceived ceiling. The Eagles had one of their best offenses under Reid, a balanced group of young talent, but they failed down the stretch with consecutive blowout losses to the Cowboys.

The final loss also proved the Eagles had issues beyond McNabb. The defense, previously a top-tier group, lost its edge down the stretch and failed to rush the passer effectively. That last aspect had been the hallmark of Jim Johnson-coached teams, but new coordinator Sean McDermott couldn't coax the same performance.

The Eagles enter 2010 even younger, taking the field without No. 5 as their starter for the first time since the '99 season. Rebuilding? GM Howie Roseman made it clear that word would never enter the team's lexicon. They believe they can reload under Kolb and a rebuilt defense.

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OFFENSE

Andy Reid won't change philosophies with QB Kevin Kolb. There might be a different feel, but there still will be the rollout, bootleg and waggle passes Donovan McNabb executed for years. The passing game, which comprised more than 60 percent of the offense with McNabb, should remain static with Kolb, and the young playmakers could make it special. The run game will have a different feel without Brian Westbrook, but LeSean McCoy has the look of a dynamic back in time.

QUARTERBACKS

Kevin Kolb has waited patiently for his full-time chance, and he's now between the crosshairs. Playing quarterback for the Eagles is one of sports' toughest positions as Donovan McNabb found out, and Kolb's mental stability will be almost as important as the physical skills he possesses. He's a tough-minded risk taker who can take a hit and still fire a dart, though his courage has come back to bite him in limited game action. Kolb must learn to play under control and figure out what McNabb did: that the Eagles have great playmakers who can gain yards after the catch. Michael Vick expects his role to remain similar, but another year of work should allow him to be more explosive. He received about five snaps per game but might be more effective using his athleticism and knowing

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

WR Hank Baskett, RB Mike Bell, LB Alex Hall, FS-CB Marlin Jackson, DE Darryl Tapp.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OT Shawn Andrews, DE Jason Babin, WR Reggie Brown, CB Sheldon Brown, DE Chris Clemons, WR Kevin Curtis, LB Chris Gocong, DE Darren Howard, S Sean Jones, QB Donovan McNabb, RB Brian Westbrook, LB Will Witherspoon.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
WR DeSean Jackson

DEFENSIVE MVP
DE Trent Cole

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
RB LeSean McCoy

POSITION BATTLE
FS: Marlin Jackson vs. Nate Allen vs. Macho Harris

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T. COLE

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B-	C+	A-	B	B	B-	B-	B+

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Green Bay	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Jacksonville	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 3	Washington	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10	at San Francisco	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 17	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Tennessee	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	Indianapolis	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Washington	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	N.Y. Giants	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Houston	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Dallas	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 19	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Dallas	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Philadelphia

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Carolina	(-2.5)	38-10
Sept. 20	New Orleans	(+3)	22-48
Sept. 27	Kansas City	(-7.5)	34-14
Oct. 4	BYE		
Oct. 11	Tampa Bay	(-15.5)	33-14
Oct. 18	At Oakland	(-14.5)	9-13
Oct. 26	At Washington	(-8.5)	27-17
Nov. 1	New York Giants	(+2.5)	40-17
Nov. 8	Dallas	(-3)	16-20
Nov. 15	At San Diego	(+1)	23-31
Nov. 22	At Chicago	(-3.5)	24-20
Nov. 29	Washington	(-10)	27-24
Dec. 6	At Atlanta	(-4.5)	34-7
Dec. 13	At N.Y. Giants	(-1)	45-38
Dec. 20	San Francisco	(-7.5)	27-13
Dec. 27	Denver	(-7)	30-27
Jan. 3	At Dallas	(+3)	0-24
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 9	At Dallas	(+4)	14-34

he isn't expected to make a game-changing play every time the ball is in his hands. Rookie Mike Kafka has some intriguing skills to develop as the No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

LeSean McCoy hasn't developed the receiving or pass-blocking skills that Brian Westbrook had in his prime. But McCoy is a hard-running battler who can get to the second level and gain yards after initial contact. He has good vision and nice speed, though he must focus on ball security, show he can take a larger load and create yards when holes are not there. Mike Bell will be the short-yardage inside runner to complement McCoy's outside skills. Bell is not terribly creative and doesn't break a lot of long runs, but he's a one-cut runner who fits the system well and has a nose for the endzone. Eldra Buckley is a try-hard back who contributes heavily on special teams, competing with Charles Scott as the No. 3 RB. FB Leonard Weaver was able to take handoffs in "ace" formations and do surprising damage. He's a natural receiver and a fair blocker, using more precision than power. And Weaver has exhibited a team-first attitude in his brief time in Philadelphia.

RECEIVERS

The first-year performances of DeSean Jackson in 2008 and Jeremy Maclin in '09 bode well for their development. Most receivers struggle to pick up Andy Reid's offense quickly, but both players stepped up as instant contributors. Jackson made big strides in Year Two, becoming one of the most dangerous three-way weapons as a receiver, runner and returner. He has blinding speed and shifty moves, and though his frame suggests he'd be injury-prone, Jackson has missed only one game in two seasons. Maturity remains an issue, and he still loses focus occasionally, but Jackson is one of the NFL's best deep threats. Also notable: In Kevin Kolb's two starts, Jackson had 10 receptions for 250 yards and two TDs. Maclin was remarkably consistent as the second option. Although he wasn't as dangerous as Jackson, Maclin adapted well to the West Coast scheme, made most of the catchable passes and generated yards after the catch. He only should get better with time. Almost as important is slot WR Jason Avant, who doesn't catch as many passes, but makes the clutch third-down receptions that move the chains. He's not terribly fast, but Avant sets up defenders well and has a knack for getting open, a perfect complement inside to the outside speed. TE Brent Celek can drive the seam and make plays in the open field. Drops are still an issue, and he's a below-par run blocker, but Celek is to the Eagles what Brent Jones was to the 49ers a generation ago. Hank Baskett returns as the No. 4 receiver, but tall, athletic rookie Riley Cooper could challenge him. Also, young TEs Cornelius Ingram, Martin Rucker and Clay Harbor could be good performers in this scheme.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

OLT Jason Peters wasn't quite the dominant force the team hoped for, but he was better in pass protection than in his final season in Buffalo and limited the number of clean, blind-side shots he allowed. Peters can be a mauler in the run game if he extends his arms and drives through defenders, but he was way too penalty-prone last season. OLG Todd Herremans was the team's best run blocker, able to clear out big holes and finish blocks. He also can kick out to left tackle, as he did to replace Peters for two games. C Jamaal Jackson held down his spot and was steady before he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee. His health is in question heading into camp, and the Eagles struggled to replace him. Nick Cole slid from right guard to center, but he was more comfortable at his former position. Cole plays with a good base and can work angles, but snapping and making line calls didn't come easily. He would be the starting right guard, ahead of Max Jean-Gilles and Stacy Andrews, who returns despite barely playing in '09. ORT Winston Justice was a revelation — so much so that the team extended him long-term and released Shawn Andrews. Justice matured physically, and the light went on. He showed nimble feet and better balance than before and looks like a building block for years. There is strong depth, including massive OT King Dunlap and project OGs Mike McGlynn and Fenuki Tupou.

DEFENSE

Sean McDermott, Jim Johnson's protégé and successor, found life difficult at the end of his first season calling plays. The D-line lost major steam, linebacker became a revolving-door position and the secondary was prone to lapses in coverage. There are some talented pieces here, including several newcomers, to return to being a top-10 group and one that pressured the way Johnson used to. The Eagles favor speed and stamina over bulk and power, which means that the added depth should allow for a talented rotation and more success.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

DTs Mike Patterson and Brodrick Bunkley are good first- and second-down run stoppers and occasional gap splitters. Patterson has less talent but has a high motor and a low base. Bunkley should be more dominant than he has been, but he closes down running lanes and gets his hands in passing lanes well. Still, both wore down late, especially Patterson. They

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@CAR.**	**N.O.**	**K.C.**	**T.B.**	**@OAK.**	**@WASH.**	**N.Y.G.**	**DALL.**	**@S.D.**	**@CHI.**	**WASH.**	**@ATL.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**S.F.**	**DEN.**	**@DALL.**	
Score	38-10	22-48	34-14	33-14	9-13	27-17	40-17	16-20	23-31	24-20	27-24	34-7	45-38	27-13	30-27	0-24	
Total net yards	267	463	420	325	283	262	391	297	462	377	381	380	374	422	394	228	5726
Rushing yards	185	79	93	76	67	122	180	88	29	157	123	103	77	116	105	37	1637
Passing yards	82	384	327	249	216	140	211	209	433	220	258	277	297	306	289	191	4089
Rushing plays	32	22	27	21	14	27	24	24	13	30	29	26	24	33	28	10	384
Sacks allowed	2	1	0	3	6	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	4	4	38
Had intercepted	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	13
Fumbles lost	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
Yards penalized	76	45	20	111	38	66	45	82	70	46	60	61	45	69	59	58	951
Punts	4	5	3	5	8	8	3	3	4	5	5	3	4	4	5	7	76

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	28:23	30:26	29:25	34:33	33:02	31:43	35:33	31:44	30:23	29:03	29:42	30:49	34:46	28:57	29:17	40:23	31:46
Total net yards	169	421	196	303	325	308	356	358	331	284	303	295	512	261	241	474	5137
Rushing yards	86	133	99	85	116	62	141	76	119	126	82	61	133	107	70	179	1675
Passing yards	83	288	97	218	209	246	215	282	212	158	221	234	379	154	171	295	3462
Rushing plays	30	29	29	22	35	19	32	23	28	20	25	22	31	18	18	32	413
Sacks allowed	5	2	3	3	2	6	2	4	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	2	44
Had intercepted	5	1	0	3	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	25
Fumbles lost	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	13
Yards penalized	30	13	90	30	23	60	25	70	31	64	39	30	54	55	95	80	789
Punts	4	3	9	4	7	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	3	4	7	3	80

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

D. Jackson	2-33-0	3-15-0		1-0-0		1-67-1				1-10-0				1-9-0	1-(-3)-0	1-6-0	11-137-1
McCoy	9-46-0	5-18-0	20-84-1	6-14-0	5-13-0	14-37-0	11-82-1	13-54-0	3-5-0	20-99-1	17-76-0	6-2-0	10-28-0	9-48-1	6-27-0	1-4-0	155-637-4
McNabb	4-27-1			2-30-0	2-8-0	5-(-5)-0	1-14-0	2-(-1)-0		4-5-0	2-(-2)-0	2-17-0	2-5-0	4-5-1	5-29-0	2-8-0	37-140-2
Vick			1-7-0	4-10-0	1-(-4)-0	3-9-0	2-3-0	1-2-0		1-34-0	2-4-0	4-17-1	3-11-1	2-2-0			24-95-2
Weaver	1-11-0			2-4-0		1-1-0	8-75-1	8-33-0	2-2-0	3-9-0	6-44-0	5-37-0	9-33-1	17-52-0	7-20-0	1-2-0	70-323-2
Westbrook	13-64-0	13-52-0		6-18-1	6-50-0	3-13-0			6-28-0						9-32-0	5-17-0	61-274-1

PASSING **

Kolb	7-11-0 23-0	31-51-3 391-2	24-34-0 327-2														62-96-3 741-4
McNabb	10-18-1 79-2			16-21-0 264-3	22-46-0 269-0	15-25-0 156-1	17-23-0 240-3	16-30-2 227-1	35-55-1 450-2	23-32-1 244-2	21-35-1 260-1	14-25-0 238-1	17-26-1 275-2	21-36-2 306-1	20-35-1 322-3	20-36-0 223-0	267-443-10 3553-22
Vick			0-2-0 0-0	1-3-0 1-0		1-1-0 5-0			0-1-0 0-0	1-1-0 0-0	0-1-0 0-0	2-2-0 48-1	1-2-0 32-0				6-13-0 86-1

RECEIVING

Avant	1-18-0	7-79-1	2-14-0	1-12-0			2-32-0	2-43-0	8-156-0	4-26-1	5-94-0	3-36-0		3-44-0	2-25-1	1-8-0	41-587-3
R. Brown			1-4-0						2-36-0			2-64-0	2-31-0	1-13-0	1-7-0		9-155-0
Celek	6-37-1	8-104-0	8-104-1	4-58-0	4-75-0	3-8-0	4-61-1	3-39-1	6-47-1	4-35-0	4-33-0	2-16-1	5-64-1	4-73-0	4-121-1	7-96-0	76-971-8
D. Jackson	2-9-0	4-101-1	6-149-1	1-1-0	6-94-0	2-69-1	3-78-1	2-29-0	8-91-0	8-107-1	2-41-1		6-178-1	6-140-1	4-33-1	2-36-0	62-1156-9
Maclin		2-12-0	4-33-0	6-142-2	1-6-0	5-53-0	4-47-1	3-44-0	6-76-1	6-64-0	5-63-0	4-83-0			6-92-0	4-58-0	56-773-4
McCoy	1-1-0	4-37-0	1-9-0	2-15-0		5-30-0	2-10-0	5-61-0	3-18-0		4-25-0	3-24-0	4-26-0	3-8-0	1-39-0	2-5-0	40-308-0
Weaver	1-(-3)-0		2-14-0	1-20-1	2-3-0	1-1-0				2-12-0	1-4-0	2-63-1	1-8-0	2-18-0			15-140-2
Westbrook	3-8-1	3-14-0		2-17-0	9-91-0				2-26-0						2-5-0	4-20-0	25-181-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

are backed by Trevor Laws and Antonio Dixon, solid run stoppers, and can be replaced on third downs by Victor Abiamiri and rookie Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, who can kick inside from end. The Eagles picked up Darryl Tapp from Seattle, and he too could play end on first and second downs and move inside in the nickel. Tapp is a better run defender than Juqua Parker and supplies more pressure than his sack numbers suggest. Parker strictly is a pass rusher, but he has a knack. The team's best performer up front is DRE Trent Cole, who has become a complete end. He can fire off the snap, rip around the edge and wreak havoc and also has made himself into a very respectable run defender. He can line up in several techniques and is part of Sean McDermott's "Joker" package as a stand-up rusher on blitzes. First-round pick Brandon Graham is a high-motor edge rusher who will force his way into the lineup somehow. He's probably best rushing from the weak side. Rookies DE Ricky Sapp and DT Jeff Owens make this group exceptionally deep.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Brandon Graham	DE	Michigan	13
2	Nate Allen	FS	South Florida	37
3	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	DE	Washington	86
4	Trevard Lindley	CB	Kentucky	105
4	Keenan Clayton	OLB	Oklahoma	121
4	Mike Kafka	QB	Northwestern	122
4	Clay Harbor	TE	Missouri State	125
5	Ricky Sapp	DE	Clemson	134
5	Riley Cooper	WR	Florida	159
6	Charles Scott	RB	LSU	200
7	Jamar Chaney	ILB	Mississippi State	220
7	Jeff Owens	DT	Georgia	243
7	Kurt Coleman	FS	Ohio State	244

B. GRAHAM

N. ALLEN

LINEBACKERS

This position quickly turned into a mess last season. Tight ends and backs did major damage in the passing game against the Eagles. Losing MLB Stewart Bradley was a major blow just as he was expected to have a breakout season, but he should return from ACL surgery ready to go in camp. Bradley is instinctive, active and can stack and shed blockers inside with his size and strength. He is a three-down performer who should regain his role as a defensive leader. New WLB Ernie Sims struggled to fit in the Lions' new defense, but his speed and aggressiveness could work well in this scheme. He was set back by hamstring and shoulder injuries and always will be susceptible, given the way he plays. But Sims is a feisty defender who could give this group an emotional lift. The team has an interesting situation on the strong side with undersized Moise Fokou; Alex Hall, a work in progress acquired from Cleveland; and rookie Keenan Clayton. Fokou works hard, gets good position and competes against the run but might not be a three-down player. Hall flashed intriguing pass-rush ability two years ago and could be used as a third-down weapon. Omar Gaither is a valuable reserve who plays multiple spots. Joe Mays is purely a run-stuffing "Mike" who could battle with rookie Jamar Chaney for a backup spot. Akeem Jordan does nothing very well, but he can run in space, cover and plays with passion and intelligence.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The secondary allowed 27 TD passes, and changes were made. CB Sheldon Brown was dealt, though he hardly was a sore spot. The big issues were at free safety, where Marlin Jackson, rookie Nate Allen and Macho Harris will battle. Jackson is a former zone corner with good size who has played some safety. He has good instincts and solid speed. Harris flashed early but was not ready for prime time. He is a good tackler, shows promise as a nickel defender, can blitz, but he needs refinement and might move back to corner. Allen is a great athlete who must show better recognition. SS Quintin Mikell struggled without Brian Dawkins, suffering from uncharacteristic missed tackles. But he is good

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**18 MACLIN**	84 Baskett	14 R. Cooper*
OLT	**71 PETERS**	65 Dunlap	
OLG	**79 HERREMANS**	77 McGlynn	78 Tupou
C	**67 J. JACKSON**	59 N. Cole	
ORG	**59 N. COLE**	62 Jean-Gilles	76 Andrews
ORT	**74 JUSTICE**		
TE	**87 CELEK**	88 Ingram	89 Rucker
WR	**10 D. JACKSON**	81 Avant	
QB	**4 KOLB**	7 Vick	8 Kafka*
RB	**29 McCOY**	26 Bell	34 Buckley
FB	**43 WEAVER**		
DEFENSE			
DLE	**91 TAPP**	75 Parker	95 Abiamiri
DLT	**98 M. PATTERSON**	93 Laws	95 Abiamiri
DRT	**97 BUNKLEY**	64 Dixon	52 Te'o-Nesheim*
DRE	**58 T. COLE**	94 Graham*	52 Te'o-Nesheim*
SLB	**53 FOKOU**	57 A. Hall	59 Clayton*
MLB	**55 BRADLEY**	96 Gaither	51 Mays
WLB	**50 SIMS**	56 Jordan	
LCB	**22 SAMUEL**	23 D. Patterson	24 Harris
RCB	**31 HOBBS**	21 Hanson	35 Lindley*
SS	**27 MIKELL**	39 Demps	
FS	**28 M. JACKSON**	29 Allen*	24 Harris
SPECIALISTS			
P	**6 ROCCA**	3 Brooks	
PK	**2 AKERS**		
H	**6 ROCCA**	4 Kolb	
PR	**10 D. JACKSON**	18 Maclin	
KR	**24 HARRIS**	18 Maclin	31 Hobbs
LS	**46 DORENBOS**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Bobby April, *special-teams coordinator*; Mike Caldwell, *asst. linebackers*; Juan Castillo, *offensive line*; Ken Croner, *asst. strength/conditioning*; David Culley, *wide receivers*; Dick Jauron, *senior assistant/defensive backs*; Sean McDermott, *defensive coordinator*; Tom Melvin, *tight ends*; Marty Mornhinweg, *asst. head coach/offensive coordinator*; Jeff Nixon, *special-teams quality control*; Doug Pederson, *offensive quality control*; Andy Reid, *head coach*; Barry Rubin, *head strength/conditioning*; Rory Segrest, *defensive line*; Bill Shuey, *linebackers*; James Urban, *quarterbacks*; Ted Williams, *running backs*; Michael Zordich, *defensive quality control*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DE	6-4	267	4	Notre Dame	13/5
2	Akers, David	PK	5-10	200	12	Louisville	16/0
66	Alexander, Charles	DT	6-4	300	R	LSU	
29	Allen, Nate	FS	6-0	207	R	South Florida	
76	Andrews, Stacy	OG-OT	6-7	340	7	Mississippi	10/2
81	Avant, Jason	WR	6-0	212	5	Michigan	16/9
84	Baskett, Hank	WR	6-4	220	5	New Mexico	12/0
26	Bell, Mike	RB	6-0	225	5	Arizona	13/3
55	Bradley, Stewart	LB	6-4	255	4	Nebraska	0/0
3	Brooks, Durant	P	6-0	204	2	Georgia Tech	0/0
34	Buckley, Eldra	RB	5-9	207	2	Chattanooga	16/0
97	Bunkley, Brodrick	DT	6-2	306	5	Florida State	16/16
87	Celek, Brent	TE	6-4	255	4	Cincinnati	16/15
49	Chaney, Jamar	LB	6-0	242	R	Mississippi State	
59	Clayton, Keenan	LB	6-1	229	R	Oklahoma	
59	Cole, Nick	OG-C	6-0	350	5	New Mexico State	16/16
58	Cole, Trent	DE	6-3	270	6	Cincinnati	16/16
42	Coleman, Kurt	S	5-11	192	R	Ohio State	
11	Collins, Dobson	WR	6-2	178	1	Gardner-Webb	0/0
80	Cooper, Blue	WR	6-2	185	R	Chattanooga	
14	Cooper, Riley	WR	6-3	222	R	Florida	
39	Demps, Quintin	S	5-11	206	3	UTEP	9/0
64	Dixon, Antonio	DT	6-3	322	2	Miami (Fla.)	16/0
46	Dorenbos, Jon	LS	6-0	250	8	UTEP	16/0
63	Duncan, Zipp	OG	6-5	297	R	Kentucky	
65	Dunlap, King	OT	6-8	310	3	Auburn	12/0
9	Elliott, Joey	QB	6-3	215	R	Purdue	
53	Fokou, Moise	LB	6-1	236	2	Maryland	16/4
96	Gaither, Omar	LB	6-2	235	5	Tennessee	5/3
94	Graham, Brandon	DE	6-2	268	R	Michigan	
57	Hall, Alex	LB	6-5	250	3	St. Augustine (N.C.)	14/0
16	Hall, Chad	WR	5-8	187	1	Air Force	0/0
21	Hanson, Joselio	CB	5-9	185	6	Texas Tech	12/1
82	Harbor, Clay	TE	6-2	252	R	Missouri State	
24	Harris, Macho	DB	5-11	198	2	Virginia Tech	15/8
79	Herremans, Todd	OG-OT	6-6	321	6	Saginaw Valley State	11/11
31	Hobbs, Ellis	CB	5-9	195	6	Iowa State	8/0
69	Howard, Austin	OT	6-7	333	R	Northern Iowa	
88	Ingram, Cornelius	TE	6-4	245	2	Florida	0/0
10	Jackson, DeSean	WR	5-10	175	3	California	15/15
67	Jackson, Jamaal	C	6-4	325	7	Delaware State	15/15
28	Jackson, Marlin	DB	6-0	196	6	Michigan	4/0
62	Jean-Gilles, Max	OG	6-3	358	5	Georgia	13/5
56	Jordan, Akeem	LB	6-1	230	4	James Madison	12/10
17	Jurovich, Kevin	WR	6-0	188	R	San Jose State	
74	Justice, Winston	OT	6-6	320	5	USC	16/16
8	Kafka, Mike	QB	6-3	225	R	Northwestern	
4	Kolb, Kevin	QB	6-3	218	4	Houston	5/2
93	Laws, Trevor	DT	6-1	304	3	Notre Dame	11/0
35	Lindley, Trevard	CB	5-11	183	R	Kentucky	
18	Maclin, Jeremy	WR	6-0	198	2	Missouri	15/13
33	Mallett, Martell	RB	6-0	210	1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0/0
51	Mays, Joe	LB	5-11	246	3	North Dakota State	11/1
25	McCoy, LeSean	RB	5-11	208	2	Pittsburgh	16/4
73	McCuller, Jeraill	OT	6-6	328	R	North Carolina State	
77	McGlynn, Mike	OG	6-4	315	3	Pittsburgh	0/0
27	Mikell, Quintin	S	5-10	206	8	Boise State	16/16
45	Morris, Josh	CB	5-11	186	R	Weber State	
19	Norwood, Jordan	WR	5-11	180	1	Penn State	0/0
64	Owens, Jeff	DT	6-1	304	R	Georgia	
75	Parker, Juqua	DE	6-2	250	10	Oklahoma State	16/11
23	Patterson, Dimitri	CB	5-10	190	5	Tuskegee	11/0
98	Patterson, Mike	DT	6-1	300	6	USC	16/16
37	Pender, David	CB	6-0	180	R	Purdue	
71	Peters, Jason	OT	6-4	340	7	Arkansas	15/15
30	Pope, Geoff	CB	6-0	190	3	Howard	1/0
66	Reynolds, Dallas	OG-C	6-4	314	1	Brigham Young	0/0
6	Rocca, Sav	P	6-5	265	4	None	16/0
89	Rucker, Martin	TE	6-5	255	3	Missouri	0/0
22	Samuel, Asante	CB	5-10	185	8	Central Florida	16/16
94	Sapp, Ricky	DE	6-4	252	R	Clemson	
38	Scott, Charles	RB	5-11	238	R	LSU	
61	Shipley, A.Q.	C	6-1	315	1	Penn State	0/0
86	Simonds, Pat	WR	6-5	229	R	Colgate	
50	Sims, Ernie	LB	6-0	230	5	Florida State	11/8
91	Tapp, Darryl	DE	6-1	270	5	Virginia Tech	16/5
52	Te'o-Nesheim, Daniel	DE	6-3	263	R	Washington	
78	Tupou, Fenuki	OT	6-5	314	2	Oregon	0/0
7	Vick, Michael	QB	6-0	215	9	Virginia Tech	12/1
43	Weaver, Leonard	FB	6-0	250	6	Carson-Newman	16/8
32	Wright, Dwayne	FB	5-11	228	2	Fresno State	0/0
48	Zardas, Chris	FB	6-0	238	R	Massachusetts	

in coverage, can lay the lumber and should be better with consistent FS play. LCB Asante Samuel made a Pro Bowl and had nine interceptions, but his play was maddening at times. Sean McDermott especially was perplexed by Samuel's reluctance to play press coverage and support the run and his propensity to freelance. Samuel has incredible instincts and can bait QBs into making poor throws, but he is not a complete corner. Ellis Hobbs and Joselio Hanson had coverage lapses, but they will compete for the RCB spot. Hobbs is a risk taker, but he might have the edge on Hanson, who is best in the slot. CBs Dimitri Patterson, rookie Trevard Lindley and Geoffrey Pope and safeties Quintin Demps and rookie Kurt Coleman add depth.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK David Akers had a fine season and remains valuable from long distance and as a clutch performer. P Sav Rocca has a good leg, but he's too inconsistent and will be pushed by former Redskins sixth-rounder Durant Brooks. DeSean Jackson is one of the NFL's most dangerous punt returners, but the Eagles have to watch how many attempts they give to the 175-pound receiver who plays a major role on offense. Ellis Hobbs was the primary kickoff returner, but he could start on defense and is coming off a spine injury. Macho Harris and Jeremy Maclin could get chances in his place. With all the injuries, there were inconsistencies in coverage, but new coordinator Bobby April — one of the best in the game — is expected to have a major effect on the special-teams performance.

SUMMARY

Donovan McNabb is gone, along with Brian Westbrook and Shawn Andrews. It is a different Eagles team, led by new QB Kevin Kolb, who has had a few years to get ready for this chance. But even that might not prepare him for what's ahead. The team is young and talented, and it has pieces in place on defense. But do the Eagles have to replace too much this season to compete? It's a fair question to ask with so much up in the air.

GREEN BAY Packers

2010 PREDICTION: 13-3 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 11-5 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

M. McCARTHY

HEAD COACH: Mike McCarthy
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Joe Philbin
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Dom Capers
PRESIDENT/CEO: Mark Murphy
STADIUM: Lambeau Field | **CAPACITY:** 72,928
PLAYING SURFACE: DD GrassMaster (natural)
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.packers.com

After a much-improved 2009 season that came to an abrupt halt with a loss to the Cardinals in one of the wildest wild-card games in league history, the NFL's youngest team for the fourth year in a row quickly focused on solidifying its veteran foundation.

In an eight-day span in early March, general manager Ted Thompson re-signed four key free-agent starters — Pro Bowl FS Nick Collins, NT Ryan Pickett and OTs Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher — before turning his attention to a draft crop he hopes will be as bountiful as the '09 group that produced two starters (LBs Clay Matthews and Brad Jones) and provided an immediate impact.

The Packers excelled on both sides of the ball in '09. Their multifaceted offense became the first in league history to feature a 4,000-yard passer (Aaron Rodgers), a 1,200-yard rusher (Ryan Grant) and two 1,000-yard receivers in back-to-back seasons (Greg Jennings and Donald Driver).

Their revamped 3-4 defense under new coordinator Dom Capers led the league in rushing yards allowed (for the first time) and interceptions (30) and ranked second overall.

But an offensive line that allowed 37 sacks in the first half of the season must be much more consistent. Meanwhile, the defense must avoid the perplexing meltdowns that were primarily responsible for crushing losses to the Steelers in Week 15 and the Cardinals in the playoffs.

SPORTPICS
CHARLES WOODSON

OFFENSE

Setting a franchise record with 461 points while keeping mistakes to a minimum, the Packers' balanced offense was hard to stop. The team's explosive aerial attack produced 24 passes of more than 35 yards. The ground game — which stuck with a zone scheme but added some new wrinkles out of the shotgun and wishbone formations — had its best production (117.8 yards per game) since 2004.

QUARTERBACKS

Aaron Rodgers earned a well-deserved Pro Bowl berth after becoming the first quarterback in league history to pass for more than 4,000 yards in each of his first two years as a starter. Well respected by his teammates for his intelligence, ability and toughness, Rodgers continued to add an extra valuable dimension with his legs, scrambling for 316 yards, the second most by a QB in '09. Rodgers was a turnover-free machine. He shared the league lead in lowest interception percentage (1.3) with Brett Favre, the quarterback he replaced in Green Bay, and displayed great accuracy and decision making, both short and long. Rodgers did a much better job throwing quick outs to his receivers and was the NFL's top-ranked passer on third down (133.5). His only real problem is his tendency to take too many sacks and hold on to the ball too long. But he made steady

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

None.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

LOLB Aaron Kampman, DE Mike Montgomery, P Jeremy Kapinos, FS Matt Giordano.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
QB Aaron Rodgers

DEFENSIVE MVP
ROLB Clay Matthews

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
NT B.J. Raji

POSITION BATTLE
OLG: Daryn Colledge vs. Jason Spitz

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A-	B-	A-	C+	B+	B+	A	C-

progress getting rid of the ball quicker as the '09 season wore on. Backup Matt Flynn improved in his second season, throwing the ball with greater velocity and accuracy in limited action.

RUNNING BACKS

Ryan Grant scored a career-high 11 touchdowns, the second-most in the NFC, and rushed for a career-high 1,253 yards, the third most in the NFC. Grant is a tough, durable, downhill runner who rarely fumbles and always gives maximum effort. He ran more decisively as the season progressed, churning out six 20-yard-plus runs in the last eight games. But he is not a natural receiver out of the backfield and is below average as a pass blocker. Backup Brandon Jackson's saving grace is the major improvement in his ability to pick up blitzes. He is just ordinary with the ball in his hands and not fast enough to be a truly effective third-down back. The Packers pose a triple threat at fullback, with John Kuhn, Korey Hall and Quinn Johnson sharing the load. Kuhn, the most versatile of the three, is considered the starter. Hall is the best receiver and perimeter blocker but has had trouble staying healthy. Johnson is a punishing blocker with stone hands.

RECEIVERS

Greg Jennings is a polished, fluid route runner with quick feet and an ability to adjust downfield that sets him apart. Jennings' 21 40-yard-plus catches the past three seasons (six in '09) are the most in the league in that span. He had the surest hands among the Packers' receivers in '09 and led the league in receiving yards on third down. He also improved his yards after catch but did have a tendency to drift off every once in a while. Donald Driver once again did most of the dirty work inside in his customary slot role but also caught his share of deep balls. Driver topped 1,000 yards for the sixth consecutive season, but he faded down the stretch and dropped way too many passes for the second year in a row. James Jones rebounded enough from a subpar '08 campaign to regain the No. 3 job but continued to run sloppy routes and lack physicality. Solid but unspectacular Jordy Nelson, who missed three games with a knee injury, is a more dependable route runner than Jones. Promising Brett Swain won the No. 5 job before blowing out his knee in Week Seven. Jermichael Finley, a big, fast target with Pro Bowl ability, replaced Donald Lee as the starting tight end. Offering defenses persistent matchup problems, Finley, who set a team postseason record with 159 receiving yards in the wild-card loss to the Cardinals, really took off after returning from a knee injury in Week 10. Lee, who declined a bit in '09, will be more of a special-teams player in 2010. Spencer Havner, who scored five touchdowns among his nine catches, still apparently figures in the team's plans, despite an offseason motorcycle accident and arrest charge on suspicion of drunken driving.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

OLT Chad Clifton, who will turn 34 in June, remains a gifted pass protector. But his feet aren't as nifty as they used to be, and his health is a concern after missing four games because of injury in '09 and getting forced out of four others, including the wild-card loss to Arizona. Coming off his second torn ACL in his left knee, Mark Tauscher, who turns 33 in June, stepped into his customary spot at right tackle midway through the '09 season and provided badly needed stability. Tauscher might not look pretty, but he is surprisingly quick and athletic and knows every trick in the book. Scott Wells has the upper hand at center but will be challenged by Jason Spitz, who won the job coming out of training camp last season. After taking the job back in Week Three, the short-armed Wells, another lineman who plays better than he looks, stepped up his game against top nose tackles such as Pat Williams and Jay Ratliff. Rock-solid ORG Josh Sitton, the only lineman last season to start every game at the same position, is the line's most physical blocker and is almost always assignment-correct. Spitz, who went down after five games with a herniated disc that later needed surgery, likely will compete with Daryn Colledge for the OLG job. Colledge was very inconsistent in '09 and suffered more breakdowns than any other lineman. First-rounder Bryan Bulaga, a very fundamentally sound player whose stock slipped due to his short arms, will start out backing up Clifton at left tackle. Versatile T.J. Lang, who played four different positions as a rookie and has an excellent demeanor, will focus on right tackle in 2010. Fifth-rounder Marshall Newhouse adds depth at guard.

DEFENSE

As imposing as the Packers' defensive line was against the run, it didn't offer much push. But coordinator Dom Capers believes there will be a natural increase in pass-rush effectiveness in the second year of a system that features versatile CB Charles Woodson.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

NT Ryan Pickett is the anchor of the team's league-leading run defense. One of the NFL's best at handling double-teams, he also is an unselfish leader in the locker room. Pickett missed three games with a hamstring injury in '09 and played only five snaps in a fourth game, but he has missed only five games in his four seasons with the team. DLE Johnny Jolly was a con-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Philadelphia	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Chicago	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Washington	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Miami	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Minnesota	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 31	at N.Y. Jets	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Dallas	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 14	BYE	
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at New England	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 26	N.Y. Giants	4:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	Chicago	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Green Bay

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Chicago	(-5)	21-15
Sept. 20	Cincinnati	(-8)	24-31
Sept. 27	At St. Louis	(-6.5)	36-17
Oct. 5	At Minnesota	(+5)	23-30
Oct. 11	BYE		
Oct. 18	Detroit	(-14)	26-0
Oct. 25	At Cleveland	(-9)	31-3
Nov. 1	Minnesota	(-3.5)	26-38
Nov. 8	At Tampa Bay	(-10)	28-38
Nov. 15	Dallas	(+3)	17-7
Nov. 22	San Francisco	(-6)	30-24
Nov. 26	At Detroit	(-11.5)	34-12
Dec. 7	Baltimore	(-4)	27-14
Dec. 13	At Chicago	(-4)	21-14
Dec. 20	At Pittsburgh	(+2.5)	36-37
Dec. 27	Seattle	(-13.5)	48-10
Jan. 3	At Arizona	(+3)	33-7
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 10	At Arizona	(-3)	45-51*

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**CHI.**	**CIN.**	**@ST.L.**	**@MINN.**	**DET.**	**@CLEV.**	**MINN.**	**@T.B.**	**DALL.**	**S.F.**	**@DET.**	**BALT.**	**@CHI.**	**@PITT.**	**SEA.**	**@ARIZ.**	
Score	21-15	24-31	36-17	23-30	26-0	31-3	26-38	28-38	17-7	30-24	34-12	27-14	21-14	36-37	48-10	33-7	
Total net yards	226	311	402	424	435	460	351	404	283	484	422	350	315	436	417	345	6065
Rushing yards	76	89	152	82	107	202	90	170	105	158	80	94	158	60	153	109	1885
Passing yards	150	222	250	342	328	258	261	234	178	326	342	256	157	376	264	236	4180
Rushing plays	22	18	37	17	30	41	19	32	28	32	27	27	30	12	32	34	438
Sacks allowed	4	6	2	8	5	0	6	6	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	51
Had intercepted	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	8
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	8
Yards penalized	45	76	51	57	130	70	45	35	100	64	57	175	30	53	50	19	1057
Punts	6	6	4	2	2	2	5	7	7	5	3	3	4	5	4	2	67

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	33:03	33:48	29:41	31:44	19:12	24:06	27:28	24:43	24:02	18:21	26:01	24:38	28:48	35:22	27:46	22:33	26:57
Total net yards	352	319	336	334	149	139	355	279	278	284	272	185	254	537	291	187	4551
Rushing yards	86	151	149	63	78	58	111	81	61	69	73	66	59	65	115	48	1333
Passing yards	266	168	187	271	71	81	244	198	217	215	199	119	195	472	176	139	3218
Rushing plays	31	34	33	30	18	21	32	25	14	10	23	21	17	19	29	14	371
Sacks allowed	2	2	1	0	5	2	0	1	5	3	2	3	3	5	3	0	37
Had intercepted	4	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	4	3	2	0	4	3	30
Fumbles lost	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	10
Yards penalized	25	100	40	10	40	40	29	15	67	30	28	135	109	84	86	76	914
Punts	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	7	6	5	3	5	6	5	4	4	74

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Grant	16-61-1	14-46-1	26-99-0	11-51-0	24-90-0	27-148-1	10-30-0	21-96-1	19-79-0	21-129-1	20-61-0	18-41-0	20-137-2	8-37-1	16-97-2	11-51-1	282-1253-11
Green							2-1-0	6-45-0	3-9-0			5-23-0	5-11-0		8-29-1	12-42-0	41-160-1
Jackson					2-6-0	9-31-0		1-0-0	1-2-0	4-16-0	6-14-0		2-4-0	1-1-0	5-20-2	6-17-0	37-111-2
Kuhn			1-1-1	2-5-0	1-2-0	1-0-0	2-7-0	1-3-0									8-18-1
Rodgers	3-7-0	4-43-0	8-38-1	2-16-0	3-9-0	4-23-0	5-52-0	3-26-1	5-15-1	7-13-0	1-5-0	4-30-0	3-6-0	3-22-1	1-9-0	2-2-1	58-316-5

PASSING **

Flynn						1-2-0 12-0	1-1-0 3-0								4-6-0 36-0	1-3-1 7-0	7-12-1 58-0
Rodgers	17-28-0 184-1	21-39-0 261-1	13-23-0 269-2	26-37-1 384-2	29-37-1 358-2	15-20-0 246-3	26-41-0 287-3	17-35-3 266-2	25-36-0 189-1	32-45-0 344-2	28-39-0 348-3	26-40-2 263-3	16-24-0 180-0	26-48-0 383-3	12-23-0 237-1	21-26-0 235-1	350-541-7 4434-30

RECEIVING

Driver	4-39-0	6-99-1	4-95-1	4-55-0	7-107-0	2-84-1	6-63-0	4-71-1	4-50-0	5-40-0	7-142-1	3-31-1	2-11-0	3-76-0	3-33-0	6-65-0	70-1061-6
Finley	1-6-0	4-56-0		6-128-1	5-54-0	1-16-0				7-54-0	3-25-0	7-79-2	5-70-0	9-74-1	3-80-0	4-34-1	55-676-5
Grant	1-6-0	3-22-0	1-5-0	4-50-0	3-17-0	1-3-0	3-21-0		2-8-0	2-16-0	3-42-0		2-7-0				25-197-0
Hall	1-11-0										2-10-0	1-13-0			1-7-0		5-41-0
Havner		1-21-0			1-9-0	2-59-1	2-21-2		1-2-1								7-112-4
Jackson					1-12-0			1-9-0	3-15-0	6-65-0		2-14-0	2-20-0	1-4-0	3-19-1	2-29-0	21-187-1
Jennings	6-106-1		2-103-0	3-31-0	6-64-0	5-52-0	7-81-1	5-61-0	4-45-0	5-126-1	4-53-0	6-77-0	3-56-0	5-118-1	4-111-0	3-29-0	68-1113-4
J. Jones		2-24-0		1-34-0	2-55-1	1-5-1	1-42-0	4-103-1	3-17-0	4-22-0	4-35-1	4-44-0		2-36-1	1-6-0	3-17-0	32-440-5
Kuhn			1-10-1		1-1-1		2-22-0	1-7-0	1-3-0							1-4-0	7-47-2
D. Lee	3-8-0	4-28-0	2-10-0	4-28-0	3-39-0	3-39-0	4-24-0	1-5-0	2-21-0		4-22-1	1-3-0	2-16-0	2-4-0		2-13-0	37-260-1
Nelson		1-11-0	3-46-0	3-47-1					4-32-0	3-21-1	1-19-0	1-5-0		4-71-0	1-17-0	1-51-0	22-320-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

sistent force at the point of attack with excellent ball skills and hand-eye coordination. Jolly led the team's defensive linemen with 39 tackles and set a single-season record for a D-lineman with 11 passes defended (according to team statistics). His status is clouded by a pending trial for felonious possession of codeine. DRE Cullen Jenkins' production was limited by his run-stopping responsibilities in the new defense, but he still had a career-high 7½ tackles for loss and ranked second on the defense in sacks (4½) and forced fumbles (three). More will be expected from '09 first-round draft pick B.J. Raji, who replaces Pickett in the team's nickel defense. Raji has tremendous lower-body strength, excellent leverage and a big-time burst, but he was erratic at the point. A high ankle sprain suffered in the final preseason game slowed Raji down until midseason. Second-rounder Mike Neal, who has great strength but tends to wear down, will be the primary backup end in the base defense and an inside rusher on passing downs. Former No. 1 pick Justin Harrell, who has sat out 36 of a possible 51 games in his three seasons due to back problems, and undersized Jarius Wynn, a willing worker with good athleticism, are the other primary backups.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Bryan Bulaga	OT	Iowa	23
2	Mike Neal	DE	Purdue	56
3	Morgan Burnett	SS	Georgia Tech	71
5	Andrew Quarless	TE	Penn State	154
5	Marshall Newhouse	OG	TCU	169
6	James Starks	RB	Buffalo	193
7	C.J. Wilson	DE	East Carolina	230

B. BULAGA

LINEBACKERS

Despite not cracking the starting lineup until Week Four after suffering an early hamstring injury, ROLB Clay Matthews became the first Packers rookie to earn a Pro Bowl berth since James Lofton in 1978. The relentless Matthews quickly proved his worth in his starting debut against Minnesota on a Monday-night stage, when he ripped the ball from Vikings RB Adrian Peterson's hands and rumbled 42 yards for a touchdown. An excellent finisher who prides himself on being a complete 'backer, Matthews led the team and set a team rookie record with 10 sacks. Coming off reconstructive knee surgery, MLB Nick Barnett also didn't begin playing regularly until Week Four. But with his typical reckless abandon and ability to slip through blocks, he ended up leading the team in tackles (for the fifth time in seven seasons) and tackles for loss (10). Fellow ILB A.J. Hawk was smart, steady and committed, but, as has been the case his entire career, he made very few big plays. Hawk was replaced by the versatile Brandon Chillar, the team's best cover linebacker, in the nickel. Seventh-round rookie Brad Jones did a surprisingly sound job replacing the injured Aaron Kampman as the starting left outside linebacker. Jones, who has been asked to put on about 10 pounds, played with good leverage and was seldom blown away at the point. Three-year starter Brady Poppinga and Desmond Bishop add depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Pro Football Weekly 2009 Defensive MVP Charles Woodson is the ultimate chess piece in Dom Capers' defense. Blessed with great instincts and a stratospheric football I.Q., Woodson is routinely called upon to cover the opposing team's best receiver and seldom fails at that task. He tied for a league high with nine interceptions in '09, three of which he returned for TDs, and was responsible for 15 turnover-producing plays. He is arguably the best tackling cornerback in the league (career-high 74 tackles), has a unique stripping ability (four forced fumbles) and is one of the team's best blitzers. The Packers are keeping a very cautious eye on fellow veteran starting CB Al Harris, who is coming off a nasty left

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**85 JENNINGS**	87 Nelson	16 Swain
OLT	**76 CLIFTON**	75 Bulaga*	68 Giacomini
OLG	**72 SPITZ**	73 Colledge	
C	**63 WELLS**	62 Dietrich-Smith	
ORG	**71 SITTON**	74 Newhouse*	64 Daniels
ORT	**65 TAUSCHER**	70 Lang	78 Barbre
TE	**88 FINLEY**	86 D. Lee	41 Havner
WR	**80 DRIVER**	89 J. Jones	18 P. Williams
QB	**12 RODGERS**	10 Flynn	13 Pizzotti
RB	**25 GRANT**	32 Jackson	44 Starks*
FB	**30 KUHN**	35 Hall	45 Johnson
DEFENSE			
DLE	**97 JOLLY**	94 Wynn	98 Wilson*
NT	**79 PICKETT**	90 Raji	93 Toribio
DRE	**77 JENKINS**	96 Neal*	91 Harrell
LOLB	**59 B. JONES**	57 Obiozor	
BLB	**50 HAWK**	55 Bishop	
MLB	**56 BARNETT**	54 Chillar	
ROLB	**52 MATTHEWS**	51 Poppinga	49 Francois
LCB	**21 WOODSON**	24 Bush	22 P. Lee
RCB	**31 HARRIS**	38 T. Williams	33 Underwood
SS	**20 BIGBY**	42 Burnett*	23 K. Jones
FS	**36 COLLINS**	29 Martin	
SPECIALISTS			
P	**8 MASTHAY**	9 Bryan	
PK	**2 CROSBY**		
H	**10 FLYNN**		
PR	**27 BLACKMON**	38 T. Williams	87 Nelson
KR	**27 BLACKMON**	44 Starks*	
LS	**61 GOODE**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Edgar Bennett, *running backs*; James Campen, *offensive line*; Dom Capers, *defensive coordinator*; Tom Clements, *quarterbacks*; Jerry Fontenot, asst. *offensive line*; Kevin Greene, *outside linebackers*; Thadeus Jackson, strength & conditioning assistant; Mark Lovat, *strength and conditioning coordinator*; Ben McAdoo, *tight ends*; Mike McCarthy, *head coach*; Scott McCurley, defensive quality control; Chad Morton, special-teams assistant; Winston Moss, asst. *head coach/inside linebackers*; Darren Perry, *secondary/safeties*; Joe Philbin, *offensive coordinator*; Dave Redding, asst. *strength and conditioning*; Jimmy Robinson, *wide receivers*; John Rushing, *offensive quality control*; Shawn Slocum, *special-teams coordinator*; Mike Trgovac, *defensive line*; Joe Whitt Jr., *secondary/cornerbacks*.

knee injury suffered in Week 11 that isn't expected to be fully healed until July 1 at the earliest. Harris, the team's most physical corner, matches up against the offense's biggest receiver when healthy. The secondary sorely missed his physical presence down the stretch in '09. His replacement, normal No. 3 CB Tramon Williams, makes his share of plays (nine interceptions the past two years; 29 passes defensed in '09) but breaks down too much and sometimes struggles with bigger receivers. FS Nick Collins made the Pro Bowl for the second consecutive year and developed into more of a defensive leader. Collins, whose six interceptions were second among NFC safeties, has superb instincts and first-class speed. SS Atari Bigby packs a punch but has limited range and coverage skills and had problems staying healthy the past two seasons. Bigby could be challenged by third-rounder Morgan Burnett, whose stock rose after his solid Pro Day showing. Jarrett Bush, Patrick Lee, who spent the '09 season on injured reserve, and the promising Brandon Underwood add CB depth.

SPECIAL TEAMS

It was not a good year at all for first-year coordinator Shawn Slocum. PK Mason Crosby had particular trouble making field goals from the right hash mark and missed five of his last 15 attempts. The team decided not to tender erratic P Jeremy Kapinos and entered the offseason with left-footed free agent Tim Masthay and Australian native Chris Bryan battling for the punting job. Projected kick returner Will Blackmon is coming off a knee injury that required reconstructive surgery last October. Derrick Martin was re-signed primarily because of his special-teams contributions.

SUMMARY

The pieces certainly appear to be in place for Green Bay to make a deep playoff run. But the health of key aging veterans such as Chad Clifton, Mark Tauscher and Al Harris and very suspect special teams could cause problems down the road.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
78	Barbre, Allen	OT	6-4	305	4	Missouri Southern St.	10/7
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	236	8	Oregon State	16/16
26	Bell, Josh	CB	5-11	177	3	Baylor	4/0
20	Bigby, Atari (RFA)	S	5-11	213	5	Central Florida	13/11
55	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	238	4	California	16/0
27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	206	5	Boston College	3/0
9	Bryan, Chris	P	6-5	210	R	No college	
75	Bulaga, Bryan	OT	6-5	314	R	Iowa	
42	Burnett, Morgan	S	6-1	209	R	Georgia Tech	
24	Bush, Jarrett	CB-S	6-0	200	5	Utah State	16/3
64	Campbell, Chris	OT	6-5	328	R	Eastern Illinois	
54	Chillar, Brandon	LB	6-3	237	7	UCLA	12/4
43	Clark, D.J.	CB	6-1	200	1	Idaho State	0/0
76	Clifton, Chad	OT	6-5	320	11	Tennessee	12/12
73	Colledge, Daryn (RFA)	OG	6-4	308	5	Boise State	16/16
36	Collins, Nick	S	5-11	207	6	Bethune-Cookman	16/16
83	Crabtree, Tom	TE	6-4	245	1	Miami (Ohio)	0/0
2	Crosby, Mason	PK	6-1	207	4	Colorado	16/0
64	Daniels, Stanley	OG	6-4	328	1	Washington	0/0
62	Dietrich-Smith, Evan	C-OG	6-2	305	2	Idaho State	13/0
17	Dillon, Charles	WR	6-0	202	1	Washington State	0/0
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	194	12	Alcorn State	16/16
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3	Texas	13/10
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	225	3	LSU	15/0
39	Ford, Trevor	CB	6-0	188	2	Troy	3/0
49	Francois, Robert	LB	6-3	255	1	Boston College	0/0
68	Giacomini, Breno	OT	6-7	311	3	Louisville	0/0
61	Goode, Brett	LS	6-1	261	3	Arkansas	16/0
25	Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	222	4	Notre Dame	16/16
35	Hall, Korey	FB	6-0	236	4	Boise State	11/5
91	Harrell, Justin	DE	6-4	320	4	Tennessee	0/0
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	13	Texas A&M-Kingsville	10/10
41	Havner, Spencer	TE	6-3	250	2	UCLA	16/1
50	Hawk, A.J.	LB	6-1	250	5	Ohio State	16/14
32	Jackson, Brandon	RB	5-10	216	4	Nebraska	12/0
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DE	6-2	305	7	Central Michigan	16/16
85	Jennings, Greg	WR	5-11	198	5	Western Michigan	16/13
45	Johnson, Quinn	FB	6-1	255	2	LSU	9/0
97	Jolly, Johnny	DE	6-3	325	5	Texas A&M	16/16
59	Jones, Brad	LB	6-3	239	2	Colorado	14/7
89	Jones, James	WR	6-1	208	4	San Jose State	16/3
23	Jones, Khalil	S	6-1	212	1	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
48	Joseph, Alex	LB	6-2	238	R	Temple	
53	Knicky, Tim	LB	6-4	251	R	Stephen F. Austin	
30	Kuhn, John	FB	6-0	250	5	Shippensburg	14/6
70	Lang, T.J.	OT-OG	6-4	316	2	Eastern Michigan	16/3
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8	Mississippi State	16/10
22	Lee, Pat	CB	6-0	194	3	Auburn	0/0
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	2	Georgia	0/0
29	Martin, Derrick	S	5-10	198	5	Wyoming	14/1
8	Masthay, Tim	P	6-1	197	1	Kentucky	0/0
52	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-3	250	2	USC	16/13
67	McDonald, Nick	OG	6-4	316	R	Grand Valley State	
82	Moturi, Jeff	WR	5-11	186	R	UTEP	
96	Neal, Mike	DE	6-3	294	R	Purdue	
87	Nelson, Jordy	WR	6-3	217	3	Kansas State	13/0
74	Newhouse, Marshall	OT-OG	6-4	319	R	TCU	
57	Obiozor, Cyril	LB	6-4	249	1	Texas A&M	5/0
46	Peprah, Charlie	S	5-11	203	5	Alabama	2/0
79	Pickett, Ryan	NT	6-2	340	10	Ohio State	13/9
13	Pizzotti, Chris	QB	6-5	226	1	Harvard	0/0
40	Porter, Quinn	RB	6-0	205	R	Stillman (Ala.)	
51	Poppinga, Brady	LB	6-3	250	6	Brigham Young	15/3
81	Quarless, Andrew	TE	6-4	252	R	Penn State	
90	Raji, B.J.	NT	6-2	337	2	Boston College	14/1
12	Rodgers, Aaron	QB	6-2	220	6	California	16/16
58	Russell, John	LB	6-3	260	R	Wake Forest	
6	Shepard, Noah	QB	6-2	223	R	South Dakota	
37	Shields, Sam	CB	5-11	184	R	Miami (Fla.)	
71	Sitton, Josh	OG	6-3	322	3	Central Florida	16/16
72	Spitz, Jason	OG-C	6-3	307	5	Louisville	5/4
44	Starks, James	RB	6-2	218	R	Buffalo	
16	Swain, Brett	WR	6-0	203	2	San Diego State	6/0
95	Talley, Ronald	DE	6-3	286	1	Delaware	0/0
65	Tauscher, Mark	OT	6-3	316	11	Wisconsin	8/8
93	Toribio, Anthony	NT	6-1	315	1	Carson-Newman	1/0
33	Underwood, Brandon	CB	6-1	191	2	Cincinnati	11/0
63	Wells, Scott	C	6-2	300	7	Tennessee	15/14
11	West, Chastin	WR	6-0	212	R	Fresno State	
18	Williams, Patrick	WR	6-1	204	1	Colorado	0/0
38	Williams, Tramon	CB	5-11	191	4	Louisiana Tech	16/10
98	Wilson, C.J.	DE	6-3	290	R	East Carolina	
21	Woodson, Charles	CB	6-1	202	13	Michigan	16/16
94	Wynn, Jarius	DE	6-3	285	2	Georgia	4/0
47	Zombo, Frank	LB	6-3	254	R	Central Michigan	

2 MINNESOTA Vikings

2010 PREDICTION: 11-5 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 12-4 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

B. CHILDRESS

HEAD COACH: Brad Childress
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Darrell Bevell
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Leslie Frazier
OWNER: Zygi Wilf
STADIUM: Metrodome | **CAPACITY:** 80,242
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.vikings.com

The Vikings have one thing working in their favor in their efforts to return to excellence in 2010: Brett Favre remains on the team's roster, which wasn't the case last year at this time as they tried to convince the world that Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels were capable of glory.

Of course, we know how that story ended. Favre joined the Vikings in the preseason and led them to within an eyelash of the Super Bowl in a mostly magical season.

His chances of coming back for a 20th season remain good despite no official word from the man himself. The Vikings eschewed trade offers from the Eagles with Donovan McNabb and appeared confident Favre would make up his mind to rejoin the team following training camp. If he returns, the Vikings should be one of the top five teams in the NFL. After all, they won 12 games and outplayed the Saints for much of the NFC title game.

That loss has haunted the team for the duration of the offseason, and the Vikes' five turnovers remain a powerful reminder of what might have been. From a player standpoint, the Vikings have lost little this offseason — assuming they get Favre back — and should be back to defend their NFC North crown.

Although the division appears improved, the Vikings will have every chance to return to greatness with a potent offense and one of the NFL's better defenses, albeit one with some age in key spots.

KEITH RANDOLPH
ADRIAN PETERSON

OFFENSE

Brad Childress' offense was a controlled version of the West Coast with a heavy emphasis on the run game prior to Brett Favre's arrival. But Favre opened things up with a full route tree, accelerating the emergence of WRs Sidney Rice and Percy Harvin. RB Adrian Peterson remains a key component, helping take pressure off Favre, but the run game has taken a bit of a back seat. A massive, man-blocking offensive line helps keep a clean pocket and can wear down smaller defensive fronts.

QUARTERBACKS

Brett Favre was better than could have been imagined, fitting in seamlessly early and taking control of the offense by Week Three. He had the lowest interception rate of his career and his most TD passes since 1997. Favre showed a nearly complete command of the offense and, for the most part, avoided the boneheaded throws for which he had become known. Although his body has taken a severe beating and he might need ankle surgery prior to the season, Favre remains incredibly tough with the mental endurance to fight through most ailments. He is a marvel who is capable of winning games with his magical right arm, though the potential for serious error — such as the late-game interception against the Saints in the NFC title game — always exists. And

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS
PK Rhys Lloyd, DE Mike Montgomery.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES
OL Artis Hicks, CB Karl Paymah, RB Chester Taylor.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP QB Brett Favre
DEFENSIVE MVP DE Jared Allen

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
MLB Jasper Brinkley

POSITION BATTLE
SS: Tyrell Johnson vs. Jamarca Sanford

B. FAVRE

J. ALLEN

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A-	A	A-	B	A	B	C+	B

there were moments of tension between the stubborn Favre and Brad Childress that can't be overlooked. Tarvaris Jackson got extended snaps as the backup and looked far more confident than he did as a starter. He remains raw, a half-field reader and run-first QB, but learning from Favre and spending more time percolating should help tremendously. Sage Rosenfels is a solid No. 3 option with starting experience who can step up in a pinch and even lead the team for a two- or three-game stretch if needed.

RUNNING BACKS

Adrian Peterson is an exceptional runner through contact and as a goal-line option, and his unique talent still draws an eighth man in the box despite the presence of Brett Favre. But Peterson has yet to emerge as a receiver, continues to fumble at the most inopportune times and though his blocking has improved, it's still not a strength. Chester Taylor did the dirty work well and was a strong nickel complement, but he's gone. Peterson is a throwback, a workhorse back in an age of specialization and a power back with breakaway speed in the Eric Dickerson and Marcus Allen mold. But he has holes and took a back seat to the passing game. Rookie Toby Gerhart is not a Taylor clone, closer in terms of running style to Peterson. Gerhart has great vision in the hole and rarely fumbled in college — a big reason he was drafted. But Gerhart also has to prove he can be a factor in the nickel, having seldom caught the ball at Stanford. Albert Young is an intriguing option fighting for a job, despite only 12 NFL carries. He's naturally strong and built low to the ground, though his physical gifts and creativity are limited. FB Naufahu Tahi is a good short-area blocker and dump-off receiver.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 9	at New Orleans	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Miami	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 11	at N.Y. Jets	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Green Bay	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 31	at New England	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	Arizona	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Washington	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	Chicago	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Minnesota

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Cleveland	(-4.5)	34-20
Sept. 20	At Detroit	(-10)	27-13
Sept. 27	San Francisco	(-6.5)	27-24
Oct. 5	Green Bay	(-5)	30-23
Oct. 11	At St. Louis	(-10)	38-10
Oct. 18	Baltimore	(-3)	33-31
Oct. 25	At Pittsburgh	(+6)	17-27
Nov. 1	At Green Bay	(+3.5)	38-26
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 15	Detroit	(-17)	27-10
Nov. 22	Seattle	(-10.5)	35-9
Nov. 29	Chicago	(-10.5)	36-10
Dec. 6	At Arizona	(-3.5)	17-30
Dec. 13	Cincinnati	(-6)	30-10
Dec. 20	At Carolina	(-8.5)	7-26
Dec. 28	At Chicago	(-8.5)	30-36*
Jan. 3	New York Giants	(-8)	44-7
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 17	Dallas	(-3)	34-3
Jan. 24	At New Orleans	(+4)	28-31*

* Overtime

RECEIVERS

This unit received a boost from Sidney Rice's improvement and the addition of Percy Harvin. Brett Favre certainly played into this, but Rice breaking out was a huge development. He has great ball skills and finally has matured into a reliable target. Rice can run swiftly, change direction and catch the ball in a crowd, and his new commitment to excellence produced tremendous results. He's the No. 1 option who became Favre's favorite target quickly. Harvin was no slouch, either — an electric, strong and slippery weapon who did a ton of damage after the catch. Despite playing mostly in the slot and being on the field fewer than half of the team's snaps, he was a difference maker who can be a rare threat as a receiver, runner and returner. Harvin's biggest enemy was migraine headaches, which took him out of practices and games, although the team says it's confident it can control them better. The one disappointment here was Bernard Berrian, who was expected to be a frequent deep target for Favre, but a preseason hamstring injury got Berrian off to a slow start and hindered them building rapport. His strong NFC title game gives hope that he and the deep ball can emerge in 2010. WRs Greg Lewis, Darius Reynaud, Jaymar Johnson and rookie Joe Webb could see very limited time. TE Visanthe Shiancoe has become a top-tier receiver. His 11 TDs were a club record for a tight end, as his hard work continued to pay off. Shiancoe still drops too many passes and isn't a great run blocker, but he's as dangerous a seam receiver as there is at tight end. Criminally underrated Jim Kleinsasser excels at run and pass blocking but seldom sees the ball his direction. His work ethic and production don't get enough credit. Jeff Dugan is a quality backup who will try to fight off Garrett Mills and rookie Mickey Shuler for the No. 3 TE job.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

OLT Bryant McKinnie improved his pass blocking and cut down on penalties and mental mistakes but wasn't the dominant run blocker he had been previously. Scouts believe McKinnie never will be a consistently dominant force, and part of it has to do with his mild playing demeanor. Quality pass rushers can bother him, and now he faces new Bears DE Julius Peppers twice this season. ORT Phil Loadholt was on his way to a strong rookie season after early slipups, but he fell back into poor habits (10 penalties) by season's end. He showed toughness and a mean streak, fighting through various injuries, but Loadholt isn't a finished product despite rare strength and a long wingspan. C John Sullivan should be commended for replacing Matt Birk and working well with Brett Favre, but Sullivan has limitations. Despite having the mental capacity to run the pivot, he lacks the girth to steer massive nose tackles inside. OLG Steve Hutchinson made the Pro Bowl on reputation, but his play was not up to his standards. He battled through injuries and didn't miss a game but wasn't nearly the road grader in the run game he had been previously. Hutchinson did his best work as a smart, instinctive pass protector, cutting down on his sacks and pressures allowed. ORG Anthony Herrera has limitations but is a functionally sound pass blocker who plays to the whistle. The depth took a hit after losing do-it-all Artis Hicks. OG-OT Ryan Cook is the only other lineman with starting experience. Rookie Chris DeGeare could play guard or tackle.

DEFENSE

The Vikings led the NFL in sacks with 48 and finished second vs. the run (after three consecutive years finishing first). They survived the sea-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@CLEV.**	**@DET.**	**S.F.**	**G.B.**	**@ST.L.**	**BALT.**	**@PITT.**	**@G.B.**	**DET.**	**SEA.**	**CHI.**	**@ARIZ.**	**CIN.**	**@CAR.**	**@CHI.**	**N.Y.G.**	
Score	34-20	27-13	27-24	30-23	38-10	33-31	17-27	38-26	27-10	35-9	36-10	17-30	30-10	7-26	30-36	44-7	
Total net yards	310	265	377	334	377	426	386	355	492	431	537	315	322	237	423	487	6074
Rushing yards	225	112	94	63	89	167	89	111	152	160	159	62	142	41	123	129	1918
Passing yards	85	153	283	271	288	259	297	244	340	271	378	253	180	196	300	358	4156
Rushing plays	37	25	27	30	24	31	23	32	31	37	34	20	37	14	33	32	467
Sacks allowed	4	3	2	0	2	3	4	0	1	2	1	3	2	4	3	0	34
Had intercepted	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	7
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	11
Yards penalized	38	43	52	10	44	15	78	29	91	31	70	50	69	45	47	45	757
Punts	6	4	6	5	2	5	6	3	4	5	2	6	3	8	6	2	73

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	26:38	30:25	27:51	28:16	32:39	25:17	23:02	32:32	29:37	17:49	19:05	28:43	27:45	37:59	26:46	23:08	27:21
Total net yards	268	265	246	424	400	448	259	351	297	212	169	398	210	397	363	181	4888
Rushing yards	89	129	58	82	122	81	107	90	93	4	43	113	119	124	105	35	1394
Passing yards	179	136	188	342	278	367	152	261	204	208	126	285	91	273	258	146	3494
Rushing plays	20	34	26	17	30	18	19	19	22	12	11	25	24	40	28	12	357
Sacks allowed	5	2	1	8	2	3	4	6	3	2	4	0	1	2	2	3	48
Had intercepted	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	11
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	13
Yards penalized	66	45	60	57	82	74	15	45	40	64	44	50	85	49	31	95	902
Punts	5	4	9	2	3	7	6	5	7	7	5	3	7	7	5	7	89

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Favre			1-1-0	2-(-2)-0			1-(-1)-0	1-0-0	1-(-1)-0				2-8-0			1-2-0	9-7-0
Harvin	2-22-0	2-14-0	1-(-8)-0			1-2-0	1-7-0	1-2-0	1-7-0		2-45-0	2-22-0			1-0-0	1-22-0	15-135-0
T. Jackson	1-(-1)-0	3-(-3)-0							3-(-3)-0	2-5-0	3-(-4)-0		2-(-1)-0			3-(-3)-0	17-(-10)-0
Peterson	25-180-3	15-92-1	19-85-0	25-55-1	14-63-2	22-143-0	18-69-1	25-97-1	18-133-2	24-82-0	25-85-1	13-19-0	26-97-2	12-35-1	24-94-2	9-54-1	314-1383-18
Taylor	7-17-0	4-8-0	6-16-0	2-8-0	10-26-1	8-22-0	3-14-0	5-12-0	7-16-0	11-73-0	4-33-0	5-21-0	5-25-0	2-6-0	8-29-0	7-12-0	94-338-1
Young													2-13-0			10-40-0	12-53-0

PASSING **

Favre	14-21-0 110-1	23-27-0 155-2	24-46-1 301-2	24-31-0 271-3	18-24-1 232-1	21-29-0 278-3	33-50-1 334-0	17-28-0 244-4	20-29-0 344-1	22-25-0 213-4	32-48-0 392-3	30-45-2 275-2	17-30-1 192-1	17-27-1 224-0	26-40-0 321-2	25-31-0 316-4	363-531-7 4202-33
T. Jackson	0-1-0 0-0	1-1-0 14-0			3-3-0 68-0				0-2-0 0-0	6-8-0 77-1						4-6-0 42-0	14-21-0 201-1

RECEIVING

Berrian		6-46-0	4-56-0	6-75-1	3-39-0	3-18-1	2-18-0	3-47-1	3-22-0	2-11-1	6-74-0	5-36-0	4-43-0	3-25-0	3-58-0	2-50-0	55-618-4
Dugan				2-26-0				1-2-1	1-8-1						1-9-0	1-7-0	6-52-2
Harvin	3-36-1	5-41-1	4-51-0	2-39-0	4-66-0	2-10-0	3-42-0	5-84-1	3-53-0	5-79-1	6-101-1	6-79-1		1-10-0	4-40-0	7-59-0	60-790-6
Kleinsasser		2-8-0				1-3-0	1-4-0							2-16-0	2-22-0	2-17-0	10-70-0
G. Lewis			1-32-1				4-18-0						2-19-0		1-27-0		8-96-1
Peterson	1-18-0	4-24-0	2-14-0	1-0-0	2-6-0	4-23-0	4-60-0	1-44-0	2-10-0	4-16-0	2-18-0	6-46-0	3-40-0	3-73-0	3-43-0	1-1-0	43-436-0
Rice	2-17-0	3-29-0	4-56-1	5-70-1	3-61-0	6-176-0	10-136-0	4-40-0	7-201-0	6-89-2	6-89-0	7-72-0	4-39-1	4-69-0	6-56-1	6-112-2	83-1312-8
Shiancoe	3-26-0	1-1-1	2-22-0	3-18-1	4-49-1	4-48-2	4-27-0	1-12-1	3-43-0	8-78-1	5-51-1	2-14-1	2-19-0	3-24-0	4-40-1	7-94-1	56-566-11
Tahi				2-8-0	1-32-0	1-0-0	3-13-0			1-5-0	1-8-0					1-1-1	10-67-1
Taylor	5-13-0	3-20-0	7-70-0	3-35-0	3-49-0		1-7-0	2-15-0	1-7-0	2-12-0	6-51-1	4-28-0	2-32-0	1-7-0	2-26-0	2-17-0	44-389-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
2	Chris Cook	CB	Virginia	34
2	Toby Gerhart	RB	Stanford	51
4	Everson Griffen	DE	USC	100
5	Chris DeGeare	OG	Wake Forest	161
5	Nathan Triplett	ILB	Minnesota	167
6	Joe Webb	WR	Alabama-Birmingham	199
7	Mickey Shuler	TE	Penn State	214
7	Ryan D'Imperio	FB	Rutgers	237

C. COOK

son-ending injury of MLB E.J. Henderson for a second year in a row and lived with a banged-up secondary. The biggest concerns now are the health of CBs Cedric Griffin and Antoine Winfield and the play of the safeties. Madieu Williams and Tyrell Johnson both struggled, and improved coverage in the Tampa-2 scheme — especially if Henderson doesn't return healthy — is crucial.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

DE Jared Allen again led the pass rush and had another strong season. When he's not sacking quarterbacks, he's getting pressures and hitting them as they release the ball. Watching the two Packers games or either postseason game shows you all you need to know about his tenacity and ability to change games. But Allen was a bit more inconsistent than in 2008 and isn't as effective, snap to snap, vs. the run as you'd like. DT Kevin Williams is a dominant three-technique who made fewer big plays than in previous seasons but remains a force and a target for double-teams. He's a one-gap penetrator who finds creases, helps open things up for those around him and fouls up blocking schemes. NT Pat Williams is a one- or two-down player who must come off the field a lot, but he's still a run clogger who will return for one more season. He often was replaced by Jimmy Kennedy, who has revitalized his career as a quality backup. DRE Ray Edwards showed down the stretch that he might be ready to bust out. He benefits from single blocking but also has developed pass-rushing moves and counter moves and can set the edge against the run. Edwards simply must cut down on missed tackles and penalties to take his game to a new level. Other key reserves: DE Mike Montgomery, NT Fred Evans and DE Brian Robison, who can kick inside on passing downs. Rookie DE Everson Griffen has great ability, similar in makeup to Edwards, but he must overcome major maturity concerns to be a contributor.

LINEBACKERS

E.J. Henderson's broken leg in December forced rookie Jasper Brinkley into the lineup, ending Henderson's strong season and taking some of the teeth out of the "D." He was having a terrific season in all areas, but the biggest drop-off with Brinkley was in pass coverage. The club has been quiet about Henderson's return, but Brinkley improved steadily and was solid vs. the run. Rookie Nathan Triplett, who provides insurance, is in a similar mold to Brinkley. SLB Chad Greenway had one of his best seasons, but missed tackles were a problem. He's a run-and-hit athlete who can lock on tight ends and has terrific instincts in coverage. WLB Ben Leber stayed on the field in the nickel after Henderson went down and proved to be better than expected in coverage. He's best rushing the passer, able to close quickly, but he was reliable in an expanded role. Heath Farwell and Kenny Onatolu are two of the units' best special-teamers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

CB Antoine Winfield missed six games with a broken foot, was limited to nickel duty after returning and might be reaching critical mass in his 12th season. Winfield is a ballhawk and dogged defender when healthy, and he doesn't let his size affect his coverage. He's physical in press-man and will support the run but looked beat up down the stretch. CB Cedric Griffin is coming off a torn ACL he suffered in the NFC title game, which puts the start of the season in jeopardy. He has had coverage issues but has improved, and

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	87	BERRIAN	11 Jay. Johnson	14 Webb*
OLT	74	McKINNIE	72 DeGeare*	75 Clark
OLG	76	HUTCHINSON		
C	65	SULLIVAN	68 Cooper	
ORG	64	HERRERA	72 DeGeare*	
ORT	71	LOADHOLT	62 R. Cook	
TE	81	SHIANCOE	40 Kleinsasser	83 Dugan
WR	18	RICE	12 Harvin	17 Lewis
QB	4	FAVRE	7 Jackson	2 Rosenfels
RB	28	PETERSON	32 Gerhart*	34 Young
FB	38	TAHI	44 D'Imperio*	
DEFENSE				
DLE	91	EDWARDS	99 Montgomery	97 Griffen*
NT	94	P. WILLIAMS	90 Evans	
UT	93	K. WILLIAMS	73 Kennedy	98 Guion
DRE	69	J. ALLEN	96 Robison	92 Mitchell
SLB	52	GREENWAY	59 Farwell	55 Onatolu
MLB	56	E.J. HENDERSON	54 Brinkley	58 Triplett*
WLB	51	LEBER	50 Er. Henderson	
LCB	26	WINFIELD	22 Sapp	29 Sheppard
RCB	23	GRIFFIN	21 A. Allen	31 C. Cook*
SS	25	TY. JOHNSON	33 Sanford	
FS	20	M. WILLIAMS	39 Abdullah	
SPECIALISTS				
P	5	KLUWE		
PK	8	LONGWELL	9 Lloyd	
H	5	KLUWE	7 Jackson	
PR	27	REYNAUD	11 Jay. Johnson	12 Harvin
KR	12	HARVIN	21 A. Allen	27 Reynaud
LS	46	LOEFFLER		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Juney Barnett, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Darrell Bevell, *offensive coordinator*; Eric Bieniemy, *running backs*; Brad Childress, *head coach*; Karl Dunbar, *defensive line*; Ryan Ficken, *quality control/offense, running backs*; Leslie Frazier, *asst. head coach/defensive coordinator*; Jason Glenn, *special-teams assistant/player development*; Jim Hueber, *asst. offensive line*; Jeff Imamura, *defensive quality control/linebackers*; Jimmie Johnson, *tight ends*; Tom Kanavy, *strength and conditioning*; Derek Mason, *asst. defensive backs*; Pat Morris, *offensive line*; Brian Murphy, *special teams*; Fred Pagac, *linebackers*; Dennis Polian, *assistant to head coach*; Diron Reynolds, *defensive assistant/defensive line*; Kevin Rogers, *quarterbacks*; Matt Sheldon, *asst. defensive backs*; Ryan Silverfield, *offensive/defensive assistant*; Kevin Stefanski, *quality control-offense*; George Stewart, *wide receivers*; Martin Streight, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Chris White, *asst. special teams*; Joe Woods, *defensive backs*.

he matches Winfield's physical style. Benny Sapp and Asher Allen helped replace them, and expect them to battle for Griffin's spot along with Lito Sheppard and rookie Chris Cook if Griffin's not healthy. Sapp is competitive and looked comfortable with more time in the lineup, but Allen has playmaking upside. Sheppard has ball skills but must adjust after playing a lot of man coverage with the Eagles and Jets. Cook is long-limbed and can run, but he lacks strength. Another battle could be at strong safety, between hard-hitting Jamarca Sanford and Tyrell Johnson, who was expected to take a jump in his second season. But Johnson has shown poor instincts and hasn't been the hitter that the team expected. FS Madieu Williams is a solid blitzer and will make hits vs. the run, but the ex-cornerback isn't great in space and will take false steps in coverage and bad angles to the ball.

SPECIAL TEAMS

This was a major area of improvement under coordinator Brian Murphy. Percy Harvin gave a shot of life to the return game, and the return of Heath Farwell improved the coverage units. Harvin could prove to be one of the league's best, but more time at receiver likely means the Vikings will have to find alternative options at kickoff returner just in case. Punt returner likely will be up for grabs, too, between Darius Reynaud and Jaymar Johnson. The kicking game is in good shape with PK Ryan Longwell (8-of-9 from 40-49 yards) and kickoff specialist Rhys Lloyd, who averaged a touchback every 3.4 attempts. P Chris Kluwe was much improved, asked to put good hang time on the ball and doing just that.

SUMMARY

Anything short of a Super Bowl in what could be Brett Favre's final season will be considered a disappointment. There are aged players who likely are on their final runs, and though a young nucleus is in place, the window to win a championship never is very large in the NFL.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
39	Abdullah, Husain	S	6-0	204	3	Washington State	14/0
21	Allen, Asher	CB	5-9	194	2	Georgia	10/1
69	Allen, Jared	DE	6-6	270	7	Idaho State	16/16
49	Anderson, Colt	S	5-10	194	1	Montana	0/0
87	Berrian, Bernard	WR	6-1	185	7	Fresno State	16/15
	Biddle, Taye	WR	6-1	185	2	Mississippi	0/0
54	Brinkley, Jasper	LB	6-1	252	2	South Carolina	16/4
78	Brown, Patrick	OT	6-5	310	1	Central Florida	0/0
75	Clark, Chris	OT	6-5	315	2	Southern Mississippi	0/0
31	Cook, Chris	CB	6-2	212	R	Virginia	
62	Cook, Ryan	OT	6-6	328	5	New Mexico	16/0
68	Cooper, Jon	C	6-2	291	2	Oklahoma	1/0
72	DeGeare, Chris	OL	6-4	335	R	Wake Forest	
44	D'Imperio, Ryan	FB	6-3	240	R	Rutgers	
83	Dugan, Jeff	TE-FB	6-4	258	7	Maryland	16/3
91	Edwards, Ray (RFA)	DE	6-5	268	5	Purdue	16/16
90	Evans, Fred	DT	6-4	305	5	Texas St.-San Marcos	13/0
59	Farwell, Heath	LB	6-0	235	6	San Diego State	16/0
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	222	20	Southern Mississippi	16/16
37	Frampton, Eric	S	5-11	205	4	Washington State	16/0
32	Gerhart, Toby	RB	6-0	231	R	Stanford	
52	Greenway, Chad	OLB	6-2	242	5	Iowa	16/16
97	Griffen, Everson	DE	6-3	272	R	USC	
23	Griffin, Cedric	CB	6-0	203	5	Texas	16/16
98	Guion, Letroy	DT	6-4	303	3	Florida State	7/0
12	Harvin, Percy	WR	5-11	184	2	Florida	15/7
56	Henderson, E.J.	MLB	6-1	245	8	Maryland	12/12
50	Henderson, Erin	OLB	6-3	244	3	Maryland	2/0
64	Herrera, Anthony	OG	6-2	315	7	Tennessee	16/16
76	Hutchinson, Steve	OG	6-5	313	10	Michigan	16/16
7	Jackson, Tarvaris	QB	6-2	225	5	Alabama State	8/0
42	Johnson, Ian	RB	5-11	212	1	Boise State	0/0
	Johnson, James	RB	5-11	205	3	Kansas State	0/0
11	Johnson, Jaymar	WR	6-0	176	2	Jackson State	6/0
95	Johnson, Tremaine	DT	6-2	285	1	LSU	0/0
25	Johnson, Tyrell	S	6-0	207	3	Arkansas State	15/15
73	Kennedy, Jimmy	DT	6-5	320	8	Penn State	13/1
40	Kleinsasser, Jim	TE	6-3	272	12	North Dakota	16/8
5	Kluwe, Chris	P	6-4	215	6	UCLA	16/0
51	Leber, Ben	OLB	6-3	244	9	Kansas State	16/13
57	Leman, J	LB	6-2	240	2	Illinois	0/0
17	Lewis, Greg	WR	6-0	185	8	Illinois	0/0
9	Lloyd, Rhys	PK	6-0	238	4	Minnesota	16/0
71	Loadholt, Phil	OT	6-8	343	2	Oklahoma	15/15
46	Loeffler, Cullen	LS	6-5	241	7	Texas	16/0
8	Longwell, Ryan	PK	6-0	200	14	California	16/0
74	McKinnie, Bryant	OT	6-8	335	9	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
45	Mills, Garrett	TE	6-1	235	4	Tulsa	0/0
92	Mitchell, Jayme	DE	6-6	285	5	Mississippi	4/0
99	Montgomery, Mike	DE	6-5	282	6	Texas A&M	10/0
55	Onatolu, Kenny	LB	6-2	225	2	Nebraska-Omaha	16/0
28	Peterson, Adrian	RB	6-1	217	4	Oklahoma	16/15
60	Radovich, Drew	OT	6-5	305	2	USC	0/0
27	Reynaud, Darius	RB	5-9	201	3	West Virginia	11/0
18	Rice, Sidney	WR	6-4	202	4	South Carolina	16/15
96	Robison, Brian	DE	6-3	259	4	Texas	16/0
2	Rosenfels, Sage	QB	6-4	225	10	Iowa State	0/0
33	Sanford, Jamarca	S	5-10	200	2	Mississippi	14/1
22	Sapp, Benny	CB	5-9	190	7	Northern Iowa	16/7
29	Sheppard, Lito	CB	5-10	194	9	Florida	11/9
81	Shiancoe, Visanthe	TE	6-4	250	8	Morgan State	16/14
84	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-4	251	R	Penn State	
65	Sullivan, John	C	6-4	301	3	Notre Dame	16/16
38	Tahi, Naufahu	FB	6-0	254	5	BYU	15/2
58	Triplett, Nate	LB	6-3	247	R	Minnesota	
14	Webb, Joe	WR	6-4	220	R	UAB	
93	Williams, Kevin	DT	6-5	311	8	Oklahoma State	16/16
20	Williams, Madieu	S	6-1	203	7	Maryland	16/16
94	Williams, Pat	DT	6-3	317	14	Texas A&M	15/15
26	Winfield, Antoine	CB	5-9	180	12	Ohio State	10/9
24	Wright, DeAndre	CB	5-11	193	1	New Mexico	0/0
34	Young, Albert	RB	5-10	209	2	Iowa	7/0

3 CHICAGO Bears

2010 PREDICTION: 9-7 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 7-9 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

HEAD COACH: Lovie Smith
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Martz
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Rod Marinelli
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Michael McCaskey
STADIUM: Soldier Field | **CAPACITY:** 61,500
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.chicagobears.com

Operating with a sense of urgency after failing to make the playoffs for a third season in a row, the Bears pulled out all the stops on the first full day of the 2010 free-agent signing period.

Compensating for not having draft picks in the first or second round for the second consecutive year, the Bears spent $121 million in maximum value combined (including $55 million guaranteed) on five-time Pro Bowl DE Julius Peppers, RB Chester Taylor and TE Brandon Manumaleuna — a trio the team's hierarchy of head coach Lovie Smith, general manager Jerry Angelo and team president Ted Phillips is banking on spearheading a major turnaround.

After producing an even bigger buzz in the Windy City almost 11 months earlier courtesy of the blockbuster trade with the Broncos for Pro Bowl QB Jay Cutler, the Bears finished the 2009 season with a very disappointing 7-9 record after a promising 3-1 start.

Cutler was greatly responsible for the team's mediocre showing, throwing a league-leading 26 interceptions and performing particularly poorly inside the red zone.

The Bears hope new offensive coordinator Mike Martz — the choreographer of the Rams' famous "Greatest Show on Turf" offense — can turn Cutler into the elite quarterback he is capable of becoming with his God-given tools.

On the other side of the ball, Rod Marinelli eventually agreed to become the Bears' fourth defensive coordinator in five years and relieve Smith of the double duty he had taken on in '09.

SPORTPICS

JAY CUTLER

OFFENSE

Mike Martz always has specialized in aggressive, free-wheeling passing attacks that force defenses to make constant adjustments and play on their heels. His high-risk, high-reward philosophy is a dramatic departure from the ball-control offense under his predecessor, Ron Turner.

QUARTERBACKS

Jay Cutler has rare athleticism and a gifted arm that can make every kind of throw. He is very durable, having never missed a start dating back to college. "He has Kurt Warner's accuracy with a stronger arm," said Mike Martz, shortly after being hired as Cutler's third offensive coordinator in three years. Martz also quickly acknowledged Cutler's unusual mobility, which was more on display down the stretch, when he began effectively operating more on the run outside the pocket. Inside the pocket, Cutler struggled more often than not, looking uncomfortable and skittish. Depending too much on his arm, he frequently forced the issue, and as the season wore on, his mechanics steadily regressed. It will be interesting to see how he meshes with Martz, who demands that his quarterbacks be fundamentally perfect. Cutler had only four games without an interception in '09. He did finish the season strong, however, registering an 8-1 TD-interception ratio in victories over the Vikings and

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

S Chris Harris, CB Tim Jennings, TE Brandon Manumaleuna, DE Julius Peppers, RB Chester Taylor.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

DE Alex Brown, RB Kevin Jones, FB Jason McKie, DE Adewale Ogunleye, OT Orlando Pace, S Kevin Payne, CB Nathan Vasher, LB Jamar Williams.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP QB Jay Cutler

DEFENSIVE MVP DE Julius Peppers

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER WR Devin Aromashodu

POSITION BATTLE SLB: Pisa Tinoisamoa vs. Nick Roach

J. CUTLER

J. PEPPERS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B-	B	C+	C	B+	B	C	A-

Lions. And despite all of his well-documented struggles, Cutler still managed to set team records for completions (336) and pass attempts (555). Third-year pro Caleb Hanie will battle Brett Basanez, who was elevated to the 53-man roster late last season, and sixth-rounder Dan Lefevour for the backup job. Hanie has impressive athleticism and mobility, and the Bears were pleased with his progress in his second year in the team's system.

RUNNING BACKS

It didn't take long for Mike Martz to declare that he had "two starters" in incumbent Matt Forté and newcomer Chester Taylor. After becoming only the second rookie in league history to rush for more than 1,000 yards and catch more than 60 passes, Forté was far less effective in his second season, managing only two 100-yard rushing games, both against the lowly Lions. He did not make the same quick cuts or show the same burst and became increasingly impatient. Forté also had six fumbles, compared to only one as a rookie, and struggled in short-yardage situations. Taylor is a complete back who, like Forté, has excellent hands out of the backfield. Even though he turns 30 in December, Taylor has relatively fresh legs, having carried the ball only 352 times the past three years serving as Adrian Peterson's backup in Minnesota. He is also a very willing and competent pass blocker. The primary backups are elusive change-of-pace option Garrett Wolfe, whose last two seasons ended prematurely due to injuries, and Kahlil Bell, who raised eyebrows to the rafters with a 72-yard gallop on his first pro carry. Eddie Williams, a seventh-round pick of the Redskins last season, replaces the departed Jason McKie at fullback. Martz said TE Greg Olsen could be used as an H-back.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Green Bay	8:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	at N.Y. Giants	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Seattle	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	at Buffalo (Toronto)	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Miami	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 28	Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	New England	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Minnesota	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 26	N.Y. Jets	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Chicago

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Green Bay	(+5)	15-21
Sept. 20	Pittsburgh	(+3)	17-14
Sept. 27	At Seattle	(-3)	25-19
Oct. 4	Detroit	(-10)	48-24
Oct. 11	BYE		
Oct. 18	At Atlanta	(+4)	14-21
Oct. 25	At Cincinnati	(-2)	10-45
Nov. 1	Cleveland	(-12)	30-6
Nov. 8	Arizona	(-2)	21-41
Nov. 12	At San Francisco	(+3.5)	6-10
Nov. 22	Philadelphia	(+3.5)	20-24
Nov. 29	At Minnesota	(+10.5)	10-36
Dec. 6	St. Louis	(-9)	17-9
Dec. 13	Green Bay	(+4)	14-21
Dec. 20	At Baltimore	(+11)	7-31
Dec. 28	Minnesota	(+8.5)	36-30*
Jan. 3	At Detroit	(-4.5)	37-23

* Overtime

RECEIVERS

The Bears' WR corps made surprising strides last season, but they do not appear to have a legitimate No. 1 wideout. Devin Hester filled the role last season and made steady enough progress. But Mike Martz wasted no time saying he envisioned Hester more in a slot role similar to the one Az-Zahir Hakim filled with the Rams that would also free up Hester for more return duty on special teams — his true specialty. A much bigger role is in store for Devin Aromashodu, who was one of the league's most productive pass catchers the last month of the '09 season. With his excellent size, hands and ability to stretch the field, look for the long-armed Aromashodu to line up on the weak side of the field a lot more often in 2010. Speedster Johnny Knox (4.34 40-time at the '09 Combine) instantly emerged as a threat to go the distance every time he touched the ball as a rookie, but he also showed a willingness to absorb punishment over the middle. Earl Bennett, the only Bears wide receiver to catch at least one pass in every game last season, proved to be a very capable possession receiver after failing to catch a single pass as a rookie in '08. Juaquin Iglesias could see more action in his second season after showing potential against the first-team defense in practices. At tight end, Brandon Manumaleuna, an accomplished blocking specialist, could alter the playing time of Greg Olsen, who creates frequent mismatches with his rare size-speed ratio but failed to live up to the Pro Bowl-caliber billing many observers predicted before last season. Desmond Clark and Kellen Davis add depth.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Former first-round draft pick Chris Williams picks up where he left off in the last five games last season as the starting left tackle. Williams was the starter at right tackle before replacing the departed Orlando Pace on the left side, and he had his share of ups and downs, leading the team in penalties. A solid run blocker with excellent athleticism, he is expected to make a big leap in his third season. A battle is expected for the starting ORT job between Frank Omiyale, who struggled initially as the starter at left guard last season, and veteran Kevin Shaffer, who is not an elite pass protector but has the size and strength to be a force in the run game. Omiyale, who has great size and 37-inch arms, was admired by new Bears O-line coach Mike Tice when Tice had the same job in Jacksonville. Six-time Pro Bowler Olin Kreutz and durable Roberto Garza are expected to be paired alongside one another at center and right guard, respectively, for a fifth season in a row. Kreutz, who has made a team-high 118 consecutive starts, remains the team's undisputed locker-room leader. Left guard figures to be one of the team's most competitive positions, with undersized Josh Beekman, who started all 16 games at the position two seasons ago, appearing to have the early upper hand on youngsters Lance Louis and Johan Asiata. Promising James Marten adds depth at tackle.

DEFENSE

Rod Marinelli has never been a defensive coordinator at any level. Look for Marinelli to move Julius Peppers around on the defensive line to create the best matchups for his new prized possession. A key to success will be the play of MLB Brian Urlacher and DT Tommie Harris — a pair of once-perennial Pro Bowlers who have been hindered by injuries the past two seasons. More stability at safety is also imperative. In Lovie Smith's six seasons as head coach, the team has had 20

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@G.B.**	**PITT.**	**@SEA.**	**DET.**	**@ATL.**	**@CIN.**	**CLEV.**	**ARIZ.**	**@S.F.**	**PHIL.**	**@MINN.**	**ST.L.**	**G.B.**	**@BALT.**	**MINN.**	**@DET.**	
Score	15-21	17-14	25-19	48-24	14-21	10-45	30-6	21-41	6-10	20-24	10-36	17-9	14-21	7-31	36-30	37-23	
Total net yards	352	275	318	276	373	279	369	417	350	284	169	248	254	220	363	418	4965
Rushing yards	86	44	85	151	83	35	170	70	43	126	43	120	59	122	105	150	1492
Passing yards	266	231	233	125	290	244	199	347	307	158	126	128	195	98	258	268	3473
Rushing plays	31	17	28	20	23	12	37	12	21	20	11	38	17	30	28	28	373
Sacks allowed	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	4	0	1	4	2	3	2	2	2	35
Had intercepted	4	0	1	0	2	3	1	1	5	1	2	0	2	4	1	0	27
Fumbles lost	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	7
Yards penalized	25	80	60	36	65	44	35	89	75	64	44	35	109	9	31	35	836
Punts	4	6	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	6	5	7	6	5	5	5	77

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	26:57	30:26	29:36	36:30	26:06	36:22	22:35	33:16	31:33	30:57	40:55	32:00	31:12	32:18	33:14	30:47	31:33
Total net yards	226	308	346	398	253	448	191	438	216	377	537	233	315	346	423	349	5404
Rushing yards	76	105	103	90	68	215	117	182	110	157	159	135	158	124	123	100	2022
Passing yards	150	203	243	308	185	233	74	256	106	220	378	98	157	222	300	249	3382
Rushing plays	22	22	28	26	23	45	29	31	28	30	34	30	30	31	33	25	467
Sacks allowed	4	2	3	5	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	2	35
Had intercepted	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	13
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	15
Yards penalized	45	52	45	51	70	20	30	15	77	46	70	85	30	26	47	35	744
Punts	6	3	2	5	5	1	6	4	5	5	2	7	4	7	6	3	71

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Bell										4-81-0		11-35-0	4-9-0	6-30-0	4-21-0	11-44-0	40-220-0
Cutler	3-16-0	1-(-1)-0	2-(-1)-0	3-8-1	3-34-0	3-4-0	5-32-0	3-17-0	1-2-0	2-11-0	3-16-0	2-(-2)-0	1-(-1)-0	4-23-0	3-10-0	1-5-0	40-173-1
Forte	25-55-0	13-29-0	21-66-0	12-121-1	15-23-0	6-24-0	26-90-2	5-33-0	20-41-0	14-34-0	8-27-0	24-91-1	12-51-0	20-69-0	21-74-0	16-101-0	258-929-4
Peterson		3-16-0	2-12-0					2-23-0									7-51-0
Wolfe	3-15-0		3-8-0	5-22-1	3-15-0	3-7-0	5-53-0										22-120-1

PASSING **

Cutler	17-36-4 277-1	27-38-0 236-2	21-27-1 247-3	18-28-0 141-2	27-43-2 300-2	26-37-3 251-1	17-30-1 225-0	29-47-1 369-3	29-52-5 307-0	24-43-1 171-1	18-23-2 147-1	8-17-0 143-1	23-36-2 209-2	10-27-3 94-0	20-35-1 273-4	22-36-0 276-4	336-555-26 3666-27
Hanie						1-2-0 3-0								2-5-1 8-0			3-7-1 11-0

RECEIVING

Aromashodu									1-10-0		1-6-0		8-76-1	2-10-0	7-150-1	5-46-2	24-298-4
Bennett	7-66-0	2-22-0	4-80-0	2-32-0	4-57-0	4-48-0	2-29-0	7-93-0	3-27-0	5-57-0	3-14-0	2-74-1	1-6-0	2-50-0	3-35-1	3-27-0	54-717-2
Clark	1-23-0			2-8-0	3-32-0	3-14-0		1-7-0	1-7-0				1-8-0		5-39-1	2-7-1	19-145-2
K. Davis		5-38-1		2-20-1						2-17-1							9-75-3
R. Davis				2-16-0									1-5-0	1-5-0	1-9-0		5-35-0
Forte		5-33-0	6-40-0	2-19-0	5-37-0	4-25-0	2-31-0	6-74-0	8-120-0	4-20-0	4-34-0	1-5-0	4-17-0	2-0-0	1-(-7)-0	3-23-0	57-471-0
Hester	4-90-1	4-21-0	5-76-1	1-2-0	6-83-0	8-101-1	7-81-0	6-94-0	7-48-0	4-18-0	1-20-0	1-48-0				3-75-0	57-757-3
Knox	2-82-0	6-70-1	1-7-1	5-31-0	3-34-1	4-42-0	3-44-0	4-30-0	2-20-0	2-16-0	1-24-1	3-15-0	5-83-1	4-29-0			45-527-5
McKie	1-8-0				1-0-0					1-1-0			1-0-0			1-4-0	5-13-0
Olsen	1-8-0	3-41-0	5-44-1	1-1-1	5-57-1	4-24-0	3-40-0	5-71-3	7-75-0	6-42-0	7-45-0	2-1-0	2-14-0	1-8-0	3-47-1	5-94-1	60-612-8
Wolfe	1-0-0			1-12-0													2-12-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

starting free safeties and 20 starting strong safeties.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Freakishly athletic Julius Peppers, who has racked up double-digit sacks in six of his eight NFL seasons, is easily the Bears' best pure pass rusher since Richard Dent in the 1980s. With his rare movement and change of direction off the ball, as well as his imposing size (6-7, 34-inch arms, 36½-inch vertical jump) teams will have to account for him all the time. That should bode well for Tommie Harris, who, at his best, is one of the league's most explosive and disruptive three-techniques. Knee issues and off-field baggage have significantly hindered Harris the past two seasons, but he is entering the first offseason in three years in which he won't be coming off a surgical procedure. At the other starting end spot, the combination of former swing man Israel Idonije and Mark Anderson is expected to replace Alex Brown. Idonije is active and athletic. Anderson steadily improved last season and displayed flashes of his 12-sack rookie form. Stout NT Anthony Adams was the most productive and consistent interior lineman in '09, leading all linemen with 42 tackles (according to team stats) and seven tackles for loss, but the Bears always seem to be looking for an upgrade. Backups include disappointing Marcus Harrison, who must improve his conditioning and focus, and a pair of youngsters — Jarron Gilbert and Henry Melton — who are expected to play more inside in their second seasons. Fourth-rounder Corey Wootton, who was a beast before suffering a nasty knee injury in the 2008 Alamo Bowl — which he is still recovering from— adds more depth outside.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
3	Major Wright	SS	Florida	75
4	Corey Wootton	DE	Northwestern	109
5	Joshua Moore	CB	Kansas State	141
6	Dan LeFevour	QB	Central Michigan	181
7	J'Marcus Webb	OT	West Texas A&M	218

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LINEBACKERS

Entering last season feeling as healthy as he had been in years, MLB Brian Urlacher was lost for the year after dislocating his right wrist at Green Bay in Week One. The six-time Pro Bowler's size, athleticism, speed, sure tackling and leadership ended up being sorely missed. WLB Lance Briggs, who earned his fifth straight Pro Bowl berth, has established himself as by far the biggest hitter, best tackler and most instinctive player in the back seven. With his great lateral quickness and willingness to take on all comers, Briggs shared or led the team in tackles in 12 games in '09, with double-digit tackles in eight of them. Pisa Tinoisamoa, who instantly proved to be a nice fit in the Bears' scheme before suffering a season-ending knee injury, is expected to battle Nick Roach, who was quite productive in his 12 starts at strong-side linebacker. Roach tied for the team lead with 10 tackles for loss and was very good at playing in space and slipping by blockers. Also figuring in the LB mix is veteran Hunter Hillenmeyer, who is versatile and extremely intelligent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Hardworking throwback CB Charles Tillman, whose career-high six forced fumbles ranked second in the league in '09, remains the Bears' best corner. But his body has taken quite a pounding in recent years with two shoulder surgeries and two back surgeries. His long arms are ideal for stripping the ball, and he continues to excel in run support. CB Zack Bowman turned heads when Tillman was laid up last offseason but suffered growing pains, none more severe than those administered by WR Calvin Johnson in the first game against Detroit. But Bowman showed marked improvement as the season progressed, and his six interceptions, including one each in three consecutive mid-

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**23 HESTER**	19 Aromashodu	17 Iglesias
OLT	**74 C. WILLIAMS**	72 Marten	
OLG	**67 BEEKMAN**	60 Louis	62 Asiata
C	**57 KREUTZ**	67 Beekman	
ORG	**63 GARZA**	62 Asiata	
ORT	**68 OMIYALE**	78 Shaffer	73 Webb*
TE	**82 OLSEN**	86 Manumaleuna	88 Clark
WR	**80 BENNETT**	13 Knox	11 Peterman
QB	**6 CUTLER**	12 Hanie	14 Basanez
RB	**22 FORTÉ**	29 Taylor	25 Wolfe
FB	**43 E. WILLIAMS**	45 Ta'ufo'ou	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**97 ANDERSON**	71 Idonije	
DLT	**91 T. HARRIS**	70 Gilbert	
NT	**95 ADAMS**	94 Harrison	69 Melton
DRE	**90 PEPPERS**	98 Wootton*	
SLB	**59 TINOISAMOA**	53 Roach	
MLB	**54 URLACHER**	92 Hillenmeyer	
WLB	**55 BRIGGS**	58 Shaw	
LCB	**33 TILLMAN**	21 Graham	30 D. Moore
RCB	**35 BOWMAN**	26 Jennings	31 J. Moore*
SS	**46 C. HARRIS**	38 Manning	20 Steltz
FS	**36 BULLOCKS**	24 Afalava	27 Wright*
SPECIALISTS			
P	**4 MAYNARD**		
PK	**9 GOULD**		
H	**4 MAYNARD**		
PR	**23 HESTER**		
KR	**13 KNOX**	38 Manning	
LS	**65 MANNELLY**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Jim Arthur, *strength and conditioning assistant*; Bob Babich, *linebackers*; Gill Byrd, *asst. defensive backs/safeties*; Shane Day, quarterbacks; Mike DeBord, tight ends, Darryl Drake, *wide receivers*; Andrew Hayes-Stoker, offensive quality control; Jon Hoke, *defensive backs*; Rusty Jones, *director of physical development*; Mikal Smith, defensive quality control; Rod Marinelli, *asst. head coach/defensive coordinator*; Mike Martz, offensive coordinator; Lovie Smith, *head coach*; Tim Spencer, *running backs*; Chris Tabor, *asst. special teams*; Mike Tice, offensive line; Dave Toub, *special-teams coordinator*; Eric Washington, *defensive line.*

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
95	Adams, Anthony	DT	6-0	310	8	Penn State	16/8
24	Afalava, Al	S	5-11	212	2	Oregon State	13/13
97	Anderson, Mark	DE	6-4	255	5	Alabama	16/2
89	Angulo, Richard	TE	6-8	260	5	Western New Mexico	0/0
19	Aromashodu, Devin	WR	6-2	201	4	Auburn	10/2
62	Asiata, Johan	OG	6-4	300	1	UNLV	0/0
83	Barnes, Freddie	WR	6-0	215	R	Bowling Green	
14	Basanez, Brett	QB	6-1	208	2	Northwestern	0/0
67	Beekman, Josh	OG-C	6-2	310	4	Boston College	11/4
32	Bell, Kahlil	RB	5-11	212	2	UCLA	7/0
80	Bennett, Earl	WR	6-0	204	3	Vanderbilt	16/15
35	Bowman, Zack	CB	6-1	193	3	Nebraska	16/12
55	Briggs, Lance	LB	6-1	242	8	Arizona	15/15
85	Brock, Kevin	TE	6-5	255	1	Rutgers	0/0
39	Brown, Cornelius	CB	5-11	198	R	UTEP	
36	Bullocks, Josh	S	6-0	207	6	Nebraska	12/4
88	Clark, Desmond	TE	6-3	249	12	Wake Forest	11/7
6	Cutler, Jay	QB	6-3	233	5	Vanderbilt	16/16
87	Davis, Kellen	TE	6-7	262	3	Michigan State	16/2
81	Davis, Rashied	WR	5-9	187	6	San Jose State	16/0
22	Forté, Matt	RB	6-2	218	3	Tulane	16/16
63	Garza, Roberto	OG-C	6-2	310	10	Texas A&M-Kingsville	16/16
70	Gilbert, Jarron	DT	6-5	285	2	San Jose State	4/0
9	Gould, Robbie	PK	6-0	185	6	Penn State	16/0
21	Graham, Corey	CB	6-0	198	4	New Hampshire	16/1
12	Hanie, Caleb	QB	6-2	225	3	Colorado State	3/0
46	Harris, Chris	S	6-0	205	6	Louisiana-Monroe	13/13
91	Harris, Tommie	DT	6-3	295	7	Oklahoma	15/15
94	Harrison, Marcus	DT	6-3	312	3	Arkansas	16/9
23	Hester, Devin	WR-KR	5-11	190	5	Miami (Fla.)	13/12
92	Hillenmeyer, Hunter	LB	6-4	238	8	Vanderbilt	14/13
79	Horn, Levi	OT	6-7	315	R	Montana	
71	Idonije, Israel	DE-DT	6-6	270	7	Manitoba	15/0
17	Iglesias, Juaquin	WR	6-1	205	2	Oklahoma	1/0
26	Jennings, Tim	CB	5-8	185	5	Georgia	15/5
13	Knox, Johnny	WR	6-0	185	2	Abilene Christian	15/0
57	Kreutz, Olin	C	6-2	292	13	Washington	16/16
15	LeFevour, Dan	QB	6-3	230	R	Central Michigan	
60	Louis, Lance	OG	6-3	305	2	San Diego State	0/0
64	Malast, Kevin	LB	6-1	233	1	Rutgers	0/0
65	Mannelly, Patrick	LS	6-5	265	13	Duke	16/0
38	Manning, Danieal (RFA)	S-KR	5-11	202	5	Abilene Christian	15/10
86	Manumaleuna, Brandon	TE	6-2	295	10	Arizona	16/5
72	Marten, James	OT	6-8	310	3	Boston College	0/0
16	Mathews, Greg	WR	6-3	207	R	Michigan	
64	Mayberry, Matt	LB	6-2	237	R	Indiana	
4	Maynard, Brad	P	6-1	188	14	Ball State	16/0
10	McGee, Richmond	P	6-4	203	1	Texas	0/0
69	Melton, Henry	DE	6-3	260	2	Texas	0/0
39	Minor, Brandon	RB	6-0	214	R	Michigan	
30	Moore, D.J.	CB	5-9	183	2	Vanderbilt	3/0
31	Moore, Joshua	CB	5-11	188	R	Kansas State	
82	Olsen, Greg	TE	6-5	255	4	Miami (Fla.)	16/15
68	Omiyale, Frank	OT-OG	6-4	315	6	Tennessee Tech	16/12
90	Peppers, Julius	DE	6-7	283	9	North Carolina	16/14
11	Peterman, Eric	WR	6-1	202	1	Northwestern	0/0
53	Roach, Nick	LB	6-1	234	4	Northwestern	16/15
18	Robinson, Antonio	WR	6-3	195	R	Nicholls State	
73	Saddler-McQueen, Jimmy	DT	6-2	299	R	Texas A&M-Kingsville	
37	Scott, Quentin	S	6-5	224	R	Northern Iowa	
78	Shaffer, Kevin	OT	6-5	318	9	Tulsa	16/5
58	Shaw, Tim	LB	6-1	236	3	Penn State	15/0
20	Steltz, Craig	S	6-1	210	3	LSU	12/2
45	Ta'ufo'ou, Will	FB	5-11	247	1	California	0/0
29	Taylor, Chester	RB	5-11	213	9	Toledo	16/0
33	Tillman, Charles	CB	6-1	198	8	Louisiana-Lafayette	15/15
59	Tinoisamoa, Pisa	LB	6-1	230	8	Hawaii	2/2
75	Toeaina, Matt	DT	6-2	308	3	Oregon	1/0
47	Turenne, Woodny	CB	6-0	184	1	Louisville	1/0
96	Turner, Barry	DE	6-3	265	R	Nebraska	
54	Urlacher, Brian	LB	6-4	258	11	New Mexico	1/1
64	Walter, Tim	C	6-6	289	R	Colorado State	
73	Webb, J'Marcus	OT	6-8	325	R	West Texas A&M	
74	Williams, Chris	OT	6-6	315	3	Vanderbilt	16/16
43	Williams, Eddie	FB	6-1	249	2	Idaho	0/0
94	Wilson, Lawrence	DE	6-4	274	R	Ohio State	
25	Wolfe, Garrett	RB	5-7	185	4	Northern Illinois	8/0
98	Wootton, Corey	DE	6-6	270	R	Northwestern	
27	Wright, Major	S	5-11	206	R	Florida	

season games, were the most by a Bear since Nathan Vasher had eight in 2006. As is the case with Tillman, though, Bowman's durability is a concern. A full-scale battle is expected for the starting safety spots involving newly acquired veteran Chris Harris, third-rounder Major Wright, Danieal Manning, Craig Steltz, Josh Bullocks and Al Afalava. Manning, arguably the best athlete on the team, was the prohibitive favorite to start at strong safety until the Bears re-acquired Harris, who was originally drafted by the team in 2005. Harris, who forced 12 fumbles the past three years in Carolina, is known for his physicality. Wright quite possibly could become the fifth rookie starting safety for the Bears in the past six seasons. A quick study with great tenacity, Wright has a real shot at winning the starting FS job with his excellent range and playmaking ability. He also likes to lay the wood and has a knack for making his teammates play better with his ability and energy. Bullocks might have been the team's best free safety at the end of last season. Depth at cornerback will be provided by Corey Graham, newly acquired ex-Colt Tim Jennings, D.J. Moore and fifth-rounder Joshua Moore.

SPECIAL TEAMS

This is a traditionally strong unit under the direction of well-regarded Dave Toub. PK Robbie Gould registered his team-record fourth consecutive 100-plus-point season, was a perfect 15-for-15 on FG attempts inside 40 yards and added the first two 50-yard-plus field goals of his career for good measure. P Brad Maynard had only two touchbacks. Devin Hester, Johnny Knox and Danieal Manning are all dynamic kick returners, and Tim Shaw registered a club-record 30-special-teams tackles in 15 games.

SUMMARY

It's pretty simple: If the Bears don't show considerable improvement after the major offseason moves they have made the past two seasons, a wholesale housecleaning is a virtual guarantee.

4 DETROIT Lions

2010 PREDICTION: 6-10 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*
2009 RECORD: 2-14 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC NORTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. SCHWARTZ

HEAD COACH: Jim Schwartz
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Scott Linehan
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Gunther Cunningham
OWNER AND CHAIRMAN: William Clay Ford
STADIUM: Ford Field | **CAPACITY:** 65,000
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.detroitlions.com

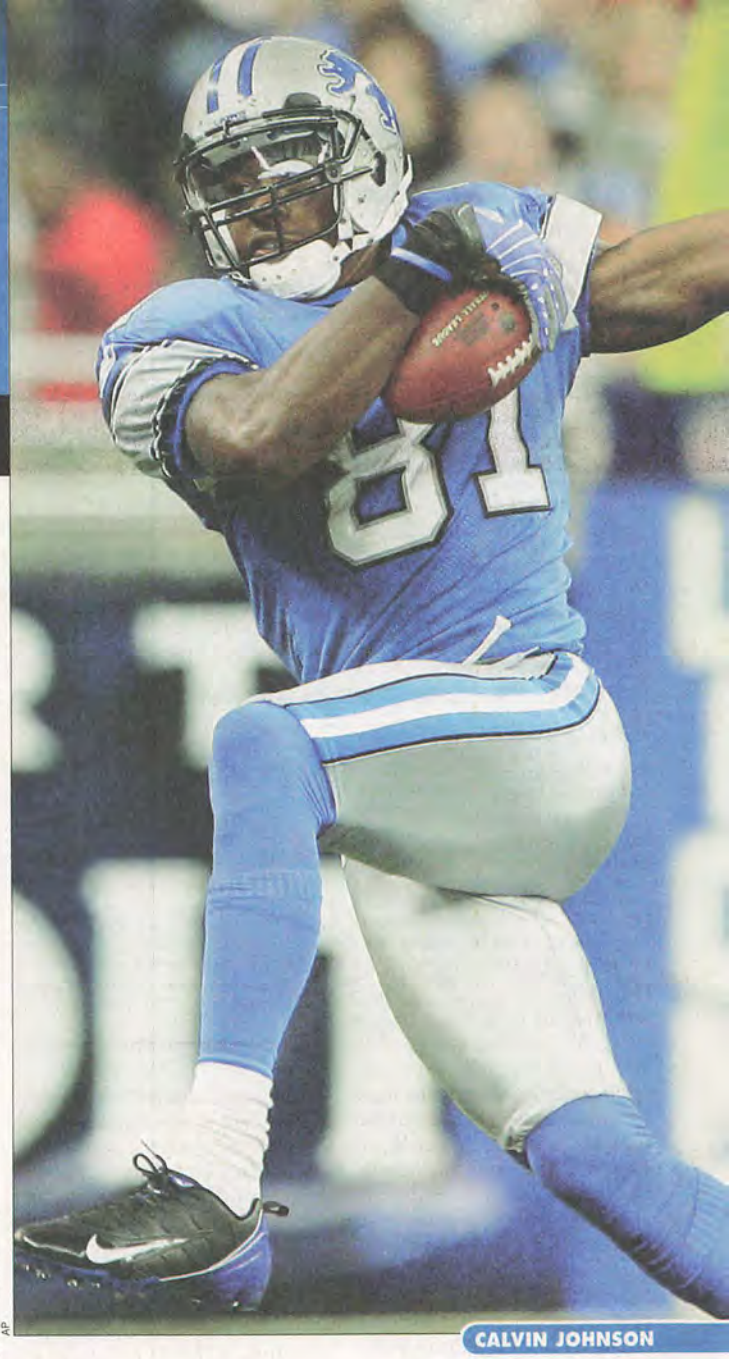
The Lions found themselves in the biggest hole in NFL history following the first 0-16 season in 2008. With respectability in mind, they scratched and clawed last season, but wins were scarce — only two — in head coach Jim Schwartz's first season in Detroit.

The aim is to build on an emerging base of young talent. QB Matthew Stafford showed the requisite arm strength and toughness to make Detroiters believe he just might be the franchise quarterback the team has sought since the days of Bobby Layne. And with WR Calvin Johnson, TE Brandon Pettigrew, rookie Jahvid Best and an intriguing surrounding cast, the offense should improve.

Schwartz must raise the performance on the other side of the ball. The pass "D" has been horrible for three seasons, and the pass rush never appeared in '09. Defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham did not have the pieces needed to pressure opposing QBs and was forced to blitz too much. On the back half, the coverage was weak.

Help arrives with DE Kyle Vanden Bosch, who instantly becomes a team leader, DT Corey Williams, who should thrive again in a 4-3 scheme, and first-round DT Ndamukong Suh.

The Lions have won only three of their past 40 games, have had nine consecutive losing seasons and haven't made the playoffs in more than a decade. Their goals are clear, though trying to reach them in a tough NFC North will be very difficult this season.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CALVIN JOHNSON

OFFENSE

The Lions want to pound it on the ground and set up play-action and deep passing to take advantage of QB Matthew Stafford and WR Calvin Johnson. They hooked up for big plays in 2009 but were felled by shaky pass protection, the lack of a bona fide receiving complement and Stafford's growing pains. Scott Linehan is a respected play-caller who will let Stafford work through his troubles on the field. But concerning is the lack of a healthy, dependable power runner who can eat up clock and give the defense extra rest.

QUARTERBACKS

Matthew Stafford earned the Week One start as a rookie and was predictably overwhelmed. The staff was impressed with his recall, knowledge of the offense and quick decision making. But he struggled with accuracy in 10 starts, threw drive-killing interceptions and never looked completely comfortable. Injuries also were a factor. He suffered painful knee and shoulder ailments that pushed him in and out of the lineup. But a closer look reveals his numbers were incredibly similar to those of Jets rookie Mark Sanchez, who received far more praise for his play. Only 22, Stafford has a cannon arm, leadership qualities and great toughness and should take big steps soon. Backup Shaun Hill has 16 career starts, a 2-1 TD-interception ratio and is a

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

WR Nate Burleson, QB Shaun Hill, CB Chris Houston, LB Landon Johnson, OG Rob Sims, DE Kyle Vanden Bosch, CB Jonathan Wade, CB Dante Wesley, DT Corey Williams.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

CB Phillip Buchanon, ILB Larry Foote, DE Dewayne White.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP WR Calvin Johnson

DEFENSIVE MVP FS Louis Delmas

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER LB DeAndre Levy

POSITION BATTLE DLE: Cliff Avril vs. Jason Hunter

C. JOHNSON

L. DELMAS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C+	C	B	C-	B	C-	D	C+

hardworking, self-made player whose presence should benefit Stafford. Hill will be ready at a moment's notice and has pulled out games late in San Francisco. Drew Stanton has some ability but never will be more than a No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

Kevin Smith is a tough back who was a better fit in the previous system that featured more zone-stretch runs. He's limited athletically (only 10 of 455 career carries have gone for longer than 20 yards) and has good, not great, vision. But he runs with purpose, churns through contact and is willing and able to take 20 carries a game. The problem is that he's coming off an ACL injury suffered in December and might not be ready for the start of the season. He also has battled shoulder injuries. That's why the team drafted Jahvid Best. With rare speed and superior vision, Best has home-run ability, explosion and good receiving skills. But like Smith, Best carries serious injury risk because of a lack of bulk and a hard running style. Maurice Morris is an uncreative back who does a little bit of everything, but nothing exceptionally well. He's a solid receiver but has no special qualities. Aaron Brown has one exceptional trait — speed — but made mental mistakes as a rookie and couldn't be trusted. He must show he can grasp the playbook to earn reps, though his speed could offer a nice change of pace. FB Jerome Felton is an athletic blocker but offers little more.

RECEIVERS

Calvin Johnson is one of the NFL's most gifted receivers. Lithe, long and strong, he glides downfield effortlessly and has made strides in route running, setting up DBs and releasing off the line. But even Johnson couldn't shake the smothering coverage he saw when opponents were not scared of the other targets or the run game. He often faced bracket coverage, and the extra attention frustrated him. Scott Linehan said the team needed to find "an eraser" opposite Johnson to draw away double-teams, and it appears Nate Burleson is their man. He had a solid '09 season in Seattle despite missing the last three games with a high ankle sprain. Burleson is a smooth runner with deceptive speed, though he's a suspect blocker at times. He's not a home-run hitter but has decent hands, can make the first tackler miss and should be a solid complement. Bryant Johnson failed in that role. He's an unreliable body catcher who caught only 40.2 percent of the passes thrown his way and is far too streaky to be more than a No. 3 option despite good physical qualities. It's a big season for Derrick Williams, who was used creatively at Penn State but couldn't get on the field as a rookie. The staff thinks he has upside as a slot receiver and returner, but he hasn't played fast or confidently and could fail to move ahead of Dennis Northcutt. Brandon Pettigrew showed signs of being a terrific all-around tight end and a goal-line target. But he appeared to get into a mental funk at times and put a lot of pressure on himself. Pettigrew can be an outstanding "wham" blocker and functional chain mover as a receiver with more experience, and he should be ready to contribute by training camp after tearing his ACL last Thanksgiving. The team traded for Tony Scheffler, who can stretch the seam with his good speed. His receiving skills add a new dimension to the offense and complement Pettigrew's game well. No. 3 TE Will Heller is a solid pass blocker.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jim Schwartz praised the work of OLT Jeff Backus last season, telling PFW "the last thing I was concerned about Saturday nights when I went to bed was him." Backus is very solid as a run blocker and pass blocker, can get out on screens, and last season was one of his best in recent years. He's far from an ideal left tackle and probably has peaked at age 32 (he turns 33 in September) but is tough and functional. The team took a hit when ORG Stephen Peterman went down with injury. Although he's not terribly gifted, he's a phone-booth mauler who usually wins individual battles, able to drive and steer defenders. He missed the final seven games, leaving big holes at both OG spots. Left guard figures to be handled by Rob Sims, who was acquired from the Seahawks. He's a big short-area mauler who better fits the Lions' goal of being more physical. C Dominic Raiola is not big, but he's tough, smart and ornery. He's one of the unquestioned leaders, and he helped Matthew Stafford through his growing pains. Scott Linehan expects Stafford to help make some of the extra line calls Raiola handled last season, which should free him up. ORT Gosder Cherilus was benched late last season and hasn't reached his potential. He has long arms and good athletic ability but struggles as a pass blocker and still makes too many mental mistakes. Cherilus has flashed as a run blocker and still could develop, but he must make strides this season. The depth is fair with OT Jon Jansen, rookie OT Jason Fox, OG-OT Daniel Loper and OGs Dylan Gandy and Manny Ramirez.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	BYE	
Oct. 31	Washington	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	N.Y. Jets	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	New England	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Miami	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Minnesota	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Detroit

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At New Orleans	(+14)	27-45
Sept. 20	Minnesota	(+10)	13-27
Sept. 27	Washington	(+6)	19-14
Oct. 4	At Chicago	(+10)	24-48
Oct. 11	Pittsburgh	(+11)	20-28
Oct. 18	At Green Bay	(+14)	0-26
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	St. Louis	(-3)	10-17
Nov. 8	At Seattle	(+11)	20-32
Nov. 15	At Minnesota	(+17)	10-27
Nov. 22	Cleveland	(-3)	38-37
Nov. 26	Green Bay	(+11.5)	12-34
Dec. 6	At Cincinnati	(+13.5)	13-23
Dec. 13	At Baltimore	(+14)	3-48
Dec. 20	Arizona	(+14)	24-31
Dec. 27	At San Francisco	(+14)	6-20
Jan. 3	Chicago	(+4.5)	23-37

DEFENSE

The Lions couldn't generate a pass rush without blitzing, and they couldn't cover when they sent extra pressure. The additions of Kyle Vanden Bosch, Corey Williams and Ndamukong Suh should aid that, and adding help in the secondary could improve coverage in the back half. Gunther Cunningham would like to blitz more selectively and use

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@N.O.**	**MINN.**	**WASH.**	**@CHI.**	**PITT.**	**@G.B.**	**ST.L.**	**@SEA.**	**@MINN.**	**CLEV.**	**G.B.**	**@CIN.**	**@BALT.**	**ARIZ.**	**@S.F.**	**CHI.**	
Score	27-45	13-27	19-14	24-48	20-28	0-26	10-17	20-32	10-27	38-37	12-34	13-23	3-48	24-31	6-20	23-37	
Total net yards	231	265	381	398	335	149	289	300	297	473	272	245	229	282	289	349	4784
Rushing yards	33	129	154	90	110	78	127	114	93	57	73	80	103	161	114	100	1616
Passing yards	198	136	227	308	225	71	162	186	204	416	199	165	126	121	175	249	3168
Rushing plays	20	34	36	26	25	18	33	21	22	16	23	20	32	27	31	25	409
Sacks allowed	1	2	2	5	7	5	2	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	43
Had intercepted	3	2	0	1	1	3	1	5	0	2	4	2	2	2	3	1	32
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	9
Yards penalized	80	45	58	51	66	40	67	77	40	41	28	45	40	45	10	35	768
Punts	5	4	6	5	3	5	7	2	7	3	3	6	5	5	5	3	74

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	36:30	29:35	23:12	23:30	27:25	40:48	27:57	30:42	30:23	34:46	33:59	38:48	29:45	29:43	30:38	29:13	31:03
Total net yards	515	265	390	276	344	435	362	397	492	439	422	321	548	340	310	418	6274
Rushing yards	157	112	65	151	82	107	150	55	152	131	80	119	308	122	84	150	2025
Passing yards	358	153	325	125	262	328	212	342	340	308	342	202	240	218	226	268	4249
Rushing plays	35	25	14	20	21	30	26	18	31	40	27	44	40	27	32	28	458
Sacks allowed	0	3	2	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	26
Had intercepted	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	9
Fumbles lost	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	14
Yards penalized	36	43	97	36	59	130	27	45	91	69	57	75	50	65	29	35	944
Punts	2	4	5	4	4	2	5	3	4	6	3	4	2	7	6	5	66

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Brown	1-9-0	4-10-0	5-6-0	1-3-0		2-13-0	2-15-0	4-27-0			1-5-0		1-12-0	2-9-0	1-1-0	3-21-0	27-131-0
Culpepper					3-44-0							1-7-0	7-11-0	1-4-0	2-16-0	4-9-0	18-91-0
Morris		2-15-0	8-10-1	1-13-0	1-5-0		14-63-0	4-20-0	6-10-0	2-5-0	1-4-0		3-11-0	17-126-1	18-37-0	16-65-0	93-384-2
Kev. Smith	15-20-1	24-83-0	16-101-0	19-30-2	20-53-0	15-61-0	16-45-0	13-67-0	12-55-0	12-45-0	18-43-0	16-75-1	21-69-0				217-747-4
Stafford	2-0-1	1-7-0	2-23-0	2-20-0			1-4-1		4-28-0	2-7-0	3-21-0	3-(-2)-0					20-108-2

PASSING **

Culpepper				6-11-0 54-0	23-37-1 282-1	6-14-1 48-0						2-3-0 49-0	16-34-2 135-0	6-12-1 64-0	7-12-0 51-0	23-34-1 262-2	89-157-6 945-3
Stafford	16-37-3 205-0	18-30-2 152-1	21-36-0 241-1	24-36-1 296-1			14-33-1 168-0	22-42-5 203-2	29-51-0 224-1	26-43-2 422-5	20-43-4 213-1	11-26-2 143-1					201-377-20 2267-13
Stanton						5-11-2 57-0								10-19-1 72-0	11-21-3 130-0		26-51-6 259-0

RECEIVING

Felton		1-21-0		3-23-0	3-37-0	1-4-0			1-2-0	1-7-0					1-2-0	2-37-0	13-133-0
FitzSimmons	1-11-0	1-2-0		2-10-0			2-17-0	6-41-0			5-38-0	1-9-0					18-128-0
Heller		2-10-0	2-30-0	3-53-1	1-16-0	1-22-0	1-10-0		4-33-1	2-12-1	3-23-0	1-11-0	2-16-0	2-8-0	3-22-0	2-30-0	29-296-3
B. Johnson	4-45-0		4-73-1	3-27-0	3-26-0	2-27-0	2-43-0	2-35-1	2-17-0	2-23-0	1-17-0	1-5-0	1-8-0	2-11-0	2-18-0	4-42-1	35-417-3
C. Johnson	3-90-0	5-51-1	5-49-0	8-133-0	1-2-0			2-27-0	8-84-0	7-161-1	2-10-1	6-123-1	4-37-0	3-35-0	7-96-0	6-86-1	67-984-5
Morris			1-12-0	1-1-0	1-16-0		1-19-0	2-17-0	1-4-0		2-16-0	1-11-0	2-9-0	5-35-0	4-29-0	5-41-0	26-210-0
Northcutt		2-15-0	3-23-0	1-4-0	6-79-1	5-40-0			6-48-0	3-17-0	2-51-0	1-4-0	3-39-0	2-30-0		1-7-0	35-357-1
Pettigrew		4-40-0	2-27-0	4-64-0	2-21-0		2-17-0	7-70-1	2-23-0	6-72-1	1-12-0						30-346-2
Kev. Smith	7-52-0	2-10-0	3-18-0	4-21-0	4-48-0		4-49-0	2-9-0	3-10-0	4-104-1	4-46-0	2-29-0	2-19-0				41-415-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

creative front-seven combinations; he's starting to get the personnel he needs to do so.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

DE Kyle Vanden Bosch has seen his sack numbers drop off, and he historically has done best when he's paired next to a top-level defensive tackle such as Albert Haynesworth in Tennessee. But Vanden Bosch is a high-motor rusher who will get effort sacks and will improve the competitiveness and the leadership along the front line. And if new DT Corey Williams can return to his form with the Packers two seasons ago and first-rounder Ndamukong Suh lives up to his billing, Vanden Bosch might have effective inside help. Williams was miscast in the Browns' 3-4 defense as a five-technique; he was best in the Packers' former fast-flowing 4-3 system that has similarities to what the Lions run. He's very strong and could be one of the better interior rushers in the division. Suh relied on his raw, brute strength at Nebraska to rush the passer, but he likely enters the NFL as a better run defender. He can anchor, pursue from the backside and split double-teams. He might not be a big sack producer immediately until he adds some technique. Sammie Hill developed quicker than expected and could be a nice rotational tackle. He needs some refinement and must improve his stamina, but Hill has flashed ability to be a quality nose tackle. DE Cliff Avril must work on his consistency and hasn't been the pass rusher the team hoped. But a better cast should help him develop. Avril's pass-rush skills will keep him on the field. Jason Hunter is an active end who occasionally can get into the backfield and make plays. He and Avril will battle for starting duty on the left side along with Jared DeVries, Turk McBride and rookie Willie Young. Landon Cohen and Joe Cohen (no relation) are strictly interior backups, along with Andre Fluellen.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Ndamukong Suh	DT	Nebraska	2
1	Jahvid Best	RB	California	30
3	Amari Spievey	CB	Iowa	66
4	Jason Fox	OT	Miami (Fla.)	128
7	Willie Young	DE	North Carolina State	213
7	Tim Toone	WR	Weber State	255

N. SUH

LINEBACKERS

The Lions have handed the MLB job to DeAndre Levy, an active hitter with intriguing skills. He filled in nicely for an injured Ernie Sims on the weak side but fits best inside. Levy has some coverage issues to iron out and must cut down on missed tackles, but he has good feet, thrives on contact and has a nose for the ball. Julian Peterson remains the likely starter on the strong side. Although he was a major disappointment from a pass-rushing standpoint, he was solid against the run. Peterson takes good angles and has retained his strength but appears to be on the downside of his career. Landon Johnson, a former starter in Cincinnati, might be the clubhouse leader to take over the weak-side spot from Sims, who was traded. He's athletic and heady but is not special in any way. The depth is thin. High-energy Zack Follett was a special-teams standout and showed glimpses of pass-rush ability, so he could push Peterson at some point. Jordon Dizon is a backup and core special teamer who could get a chance at the "Will" if Johnson falters.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Lions have tried to upgrade this area the past few seasons, but the moves they have made have failed to pan out significantly. Replacing CBs Anthony Henry and Phillip Buchanon with Chris Houston and Jonathan Wade takes experience off the field and will require patience. But the coaches believe they have a cornerstone to build around in FS Louis Delmas. Strong, feisty, hyper-competitive and instinctive, Delmas played well as a rookie and could be a star. Though he had lapses in coverage, he mostly had to make

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	13 BURLESON	80 B. Johnson	86 Northcutt
OLT	76 BACKUS	70 Fox*	
OLG	67 SIMS	63 Ramirez	
C	51 RAIOLA	65 Gandy	
ORG	66 PETERMAN	63 Ramirez	
ORT	77 CHERILUS	68 Jansen	
TE	84 PETTIGREW	85 Scheffler	89 Heller
WR	81 C. JOHNSON	12 D. Williams	87 Clark
QB	9 STAFFORD	14 Sh. Hill	5 Stanton
RB	34 SMITH	44 Best*	28 Morris
FB	45 FELTON		
DEFENSE			
DLE	92 AVRIL	97 Hunter	95 DeVries
DLT	90 SUH*	91 Sa. Hill	98 L. Cohen
DRT	99 C. WILLIAMS	96 Fluellen	60 J. Cohen
DRE	93 VANDEN BOSCH	75 McBride	79 Young*
SLB	59 PETERSON	49 Follett	52 Ciurciu
MLB	54 LEVY	57 Dizon	
WLB	55 L. JOHNSON	57 Dizon	58 Palmer
LCB	23 HOUSTON	24 Wade	
RCB	29 KING	42 Spievey*	41 Wesley
SS	30 SIMPSON	25 White	27 Bullocks
FS	26 DELMAS	36 Manuel	33 Word-Daniels
SPECIALISTS			
P	2 HARRIS		
PK	4 HANSON		
H	2 HARRIS		
PR	86 NORTHCUTT	12 D. Williams	83 Toone*
KR	12 D. WILLIAMS	21 A. Brown	
LS	48 MUHLBACH		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Jason Arapnoff, *coordinator of physical development*; Bradford Banta, *asst. special teams*; Matt Burke, *linebackers*; Don Clemons, *defensive assistant*; Danny Crossman, *special-teams coordinator*; Gunther Cunningham, *defensive coordinator*; Todd Downing, *asst. quarterbacks*; Sam Gash, *running backs*; Shawn Jefferson, *wide receivers*; Kris Kocurek, *asst. defensive line*; Tim Lappano, *tight ends*; Scott Linehan, *offensive coordinator*; Ted Rath, *strength and conditioning assistant*; Daron Roberts, *asst. secondary*; Jim Schwartz, *head coach*; Tim Walton, *secondary*; Jeremiah Washburn; *asst. offensive line*; George Yarno, *offensive line*.

up for other defensive backs' deficiencies. Delmas can run, hit, blitz effectively and should be a mainstay for years to come. Houston is a competitive, undersized corner who will struggle with big, physical wideouts and can be grabby in coverage. But he plays with a chip on his shoulder and has the man-coverage skills to make plays on the ball if he can improve his hands and concentration. Wade is a decent athlete but struggled to pick up the scheme and get his hands on passes with the Rams. He's likely destined for the nickel role, although he'll compete with Eric King. King struggled badly in limited snaps last season but could compete for a starting spot. He has suspect ball skills but can run and cover. Rookie CB Amari Spievey is a good run supporter who could play in subpackages. Dante Wesley is mainly a special-teamer. Ko Simpson might have an edge at strong safety with few great options there. Although he can be a liability in run support and takes bad angles to the ball, he's pretty solid in coverage. Marvin White and Daniel Bullocks will push Simpson.

SPECIAL TEAMS

New coordinator Danny Crossman was hired to turn around what was a disappointing unit. He has some good coverage players such as Dante Wesley, Zack Follett and Jordon Dizon and veteran kicking options in PK Jason Hanson and P Nic Harris. Although Hanson and Harris had subpar seasons, both are expected to improve. The biggest concern is with the return units, which failed to generate much and hurt field position. Derrick Williams and Aaron Brown will get chances to win the KR job, but there is no clear PR option.

SUMMARY

The Lions remain a work in progress, but they are stockpiling young talent on both sides of the ball. The offense should flash some occasional firepower, though it's the defense that has the biggest strides to make. If it can improve by leaps and bounds, the Lions just might work their way back toward respectability that long has been missing.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
92	Avril, Cliff	DE	6-3	260	3	Purdue	13/11
76	Backus, Jeff	OT	6-5	305	10	Michigan	16/16
71	Barton, Kirk	OT	6-4	300	2	Ohio State	0/0
40	Berry, Aaron	CB	5-11	180	R	Pittsburgh	
44	Best, Jahvid	RB	5-10	199	R	California	
21	Brown, Aaron	RB	6-1	205	2	TCU	15/1
94	Bryan, Copeland	DE	6-4	253	3	Arizona	5/1
27	Bullocks, Daniel	S	6-0	212	5	Nebraska	0/0
13	Burleson, Nate	WR	6-0	198	8	Nevada	13/12
61	Callaway, Robert	DT	6-5	312	R	Saginaw Valley State	
53	Campbell, Caleb	LB	6-2	227	1	Army	0/0
72	Canfield, Trevor	OG	6-5	307	1	Cincinnati	0/0
77	Cherilus, Gosder	OT	6-7	325	3	Boston College	15/15
52	Ciurciu, Vinny	LB	6-0	240	8	Boston College	9/0
35	Clapp, Matt	FB	6-2	246	R	Oklahoma	
87	Clark, Brian	WR	6-2	204	5	North Carolina State	14/0
60	Cohen, Joe	DT	6-2	310	3	Florida	7/0
98	Cohen, Landon	DT	6-3	300	3	Ohio	14/3
26	Delmas, Louis	S	5-11	202	2	Western Michigan	15/15
95	DeVries, Jared	DE	6-4	275	12	Iowa	0/0
46	Dickson, Richard	TE	6-2	245	R	LSU	
57	Dizon, Jordon	LB	6-0	232	3	Colorado	16/0
38	Dorsey, DeDe	RB	5-11	210	5	Lindenwood (Mo.)	0/0
45	Felton, Jerome	FB	6-0	246	3	Furman	13/8
96	Fluellen, Andre	DT	6-2	302	3	Florida State	14/3
49	Follett, Zack	LB	6-1	236	2	California	12/0
18	Fowler, Eric	WR	6-3	210	2	Grand Valley State	3/0
70	Fox, Jason	OT	6-6	314	R	Miami (Fla.)	
65	Gandy, Dylan	C	6-3	295	5	Texas Tech	15/5
64	Gerberry, Dan	C	6-3	302	1	Ball State	0/0
82	Gronkowski, Dan	TE	6-5	260	1	Maryland	2/0
4	Hanson, Jason	PK	6-0	190	19	Washington State	16/0
2	Harris, Nick	P	6-2	218	10	California	16/0
19	Heckendorf, Kole	WR	6-2	191	1	North Dakota State	0/0
32	Hefney, Jonathan	CB	5-9	183	1	Tennessee	0/0
89	Heller, Will	TE	6-6	275	9	Georgia Tech	16/9
91	Hill, Sammie	DT	6-4	329	2	Stillman (Ala.)	13/12
14	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	220	9	Maryland	6/6
78	Hilliard, Corey	OT	6-6	300	4	Oklahoma State	0/0
23	Houston, Chris	CB	5-11	178	4	Arkansas	12/10
97	Hunter, Jason	DE	6-4	271	5	Appalachian State	14/10
68	Jansen, Jon	OT	6-6	305	12	Michigan	11/2
80	Johnson, Bryant	WR	6-3	215	8	Penn State	16/16
81	Johnson, Calvin	WR	6-5	236	4	Georgia Tech	14/14
55	Johnson, Landon	LB	6-2	232	7	Purdue	10/3
29	King, Eric	CB	5-10	190	6	Wake Forest	4/1
54	Levy, DeAndre	LB	6-2	238	2	Wisconsin	16/10
36	Manuel, Marquand	S	6-0	213	9	Florida	9/6
75	McBride, Turk	DE	6-2	278	4	Tennessee	3/0
17	Moore, Mike	WR	6-2	210	R	Georgia	
28	Morris, Maurice	RB	5-11	216	9	Oregon	14/3
48	Muhlbach, Don	LS	6-4	265	6	Texas A&M	15/0
47	Nordin, Jake	FB-TE	6-3	255	3	Northern Illinois	0/0
86	Northcutt, Dennis	WR	5-11	172	11	Arizona	16/2
58	Palmer, Ashlee	LB	6-1	236	2	Mississippi	14/2
16	Parks, Contrevious	WR	5-10	190	R	Stephen F. Austin	
66	Peterman, Stephen	OG	6-4	323	6	LSU	9/9
59	Peterson, Julian	LB	6-3	245	11	Michigan State	16/14
84	Pettigrew, Brandon	TE	6-5	265	2	Oklahoma State	11/11
43	Pratt, Paul	CB	5-10	185	1	Nevada	0/0
73	Quarterman, Kurt	OG	6-5	348	3	Louisville	0/0
51	Raiola, Dominic	C	6-1	295	10	Nebraska	16/16
63	Ramirez, Manny	OG	6-3	326	4	Texas Tech	13/12
85	Scheffler, Tony	TE	6-5	255	5	Western Michigan	15/9
74	Schuening, Roy	OG	6-3	315	2	Oregon State	0/0
	Scroggins, Sam	LS	6-5	240	R	West Virginia State	
30	Simpson, Ko	S	6-1	202	5	South Carolina	8/5
67	Sims, Rob	OG	6-3	312	5	Ohio State	14/14
34	Smith, Kevin	RB	6-1	217	3	Central Florida	13/13
42	Spievey, Amari	CB	5-11	195	R	Iowa	
9	Stafford, Matthew	QB	6-3	232	2	Georgia	10/10
5	Stanton, Drew	QB	6-3	230	4	Michigan State	3/1
90	Suh, Ndamukong	DT	6-4	307	R	Nebraska	
83	Toone, Tim	WR	5-10	185	R	Weber State	
93	Vanden Bosch, Kyle	DE	6-4	278	10	Nebraska	16/16
24	Wade, Jonathan	CB	5-10	198	4	Tennessee	15/4
41	Wesley, Dante	CB	6-1	215	8	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	15/0
25	White, Marvin	S	6-1	199	4	TCU	10/6
99	Williams, Corey	DT	6-4	320	7	Arkansas State	16/2
12	Williams, Derrick	WR	5-11	197	2	Penn State	11/0
31	Williams, Jack	CB	5-9	183	3	Kent State	1/0
33	Word-Daniels, Jahi	S	6-0	194	1	Georgia Tech	1/0
79	Young, Willie	DE	6-4	251	R	North Carolina State	

ATLANTA Falcons

2010 PREDICTION: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 9-7 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

M. SMITH

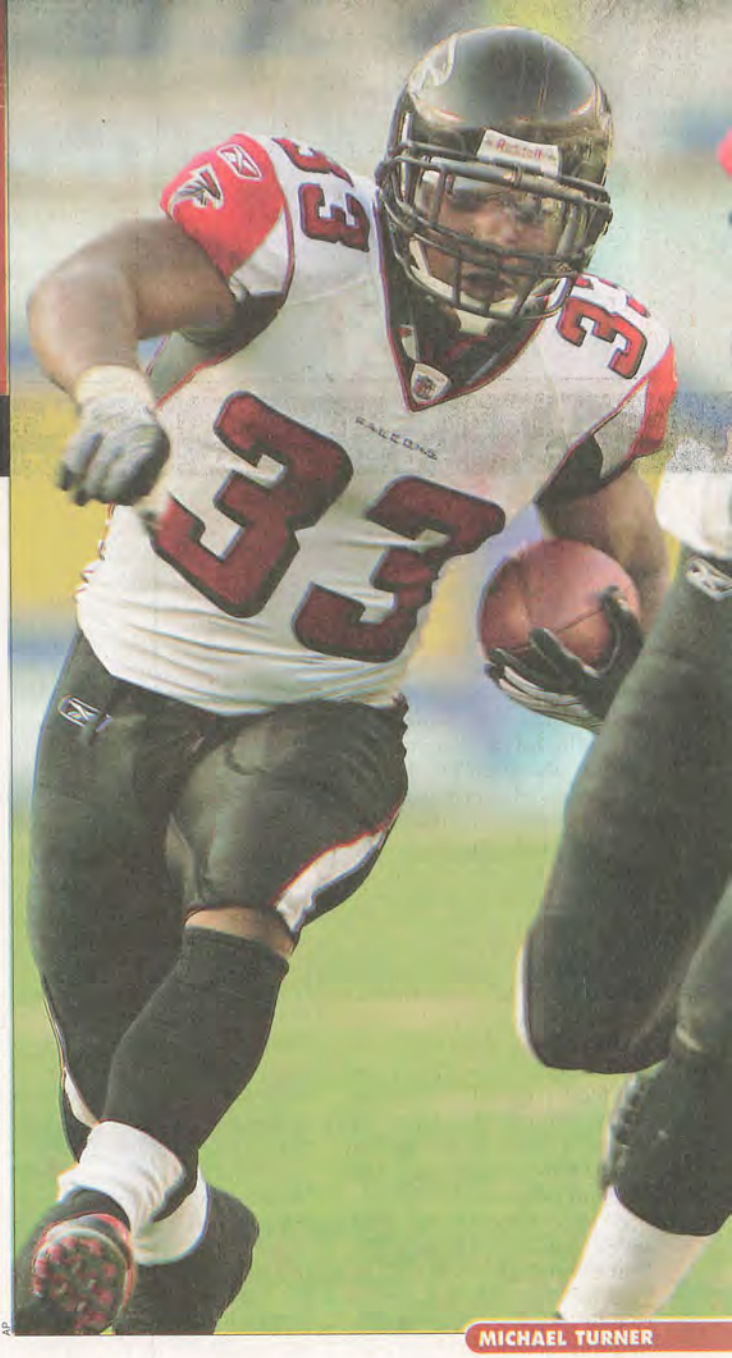
HEAD COACH: Mike Smith
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Mike Mularkey
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Brian VanGorder
OWNER: Arthur Blank
STADIUM: Georgia Dome | **CAPACITY:** 71,250
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.atlantafalcons.com

They have yet to win a playoff game since taking over in 2008, but the regime of GM Thomas Dimitroff and head coach Mike Smith already has accomplished something its predecessors failed to do. For the first time in franchise history, Atlanta is coming off back-to-back winning seasons.

The bar has been raised and there is a new culture geared toward winning at Falcons headquarters. Dimitroff and Smith do not appear to be satisfied, though. One of the team's first moves of '10 was signing the best free-agent cornerback available, Dunta Robinson, to add a veteran presence to a young group of corners and improve a pass defense that was one of the league's worst in '09.

As Atlanta attempts to get back into the postseason after a one-year absence, the defense is charged with making significant improvements along with QB Matt Ryan, who is heading into Year Three after a difficult second season that left some disappointed. Getting a healthy RB Michael Turner back after he missed much of the second half of last season with an ankle injury should help matters.

No NFC South team appears more poised to challenge the Super Bowl champion Saints than the Falcons, but surpassing New Orleans, which has won seven of its last eight meetings against Atlanta, will be a difficult task.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MICHAEL TURNER

OFFENSE

Matt Ryan had more pass attempts in 14 games last season than he did in 16 games in his rookie year, but RB Michael Turner is still the centerpiece of the Falcons' offense. Offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey is a creative coach and will try to keep defenses off-balance with a wrinkle here and there. The power-running game, which sets up play-action opportunities for Ryan, is the foundation of Atlanta's attack. Ryan has elite targets in WR Roddy White and TE Tony Gonzalez, and the offense should get an extra dose of explosiveness with the return of WR Harry Douglas, who missed last season with a torn ACL.

QUARTERBACKS

A turf toe injury sidelined Matt Ryan late in his second season, but he finished the year strong and, after resting early this offseason, he's expected to enter 2010 in good health. Ryan was asked to do more in '09 and there were some rocky performances, but Atlanta is optimistic about his future in large part because he makes preparation a priority and is willing to put in the work necessary to succeed. Ryan isn't an elite signalcaller yet, but he has all the attributes necessary to become one. He can buy time in the pocket and gets rid of the ball quickly

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS
CB Dunta Robinson.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES
CB Tye Hill, CB Chris Houston, LS Mike Schneck.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP RB Michael Turner
DEFENSIVE MVP MLB Curtis Lofton

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
DE Lawrence Sidbury

POSITION BATTLE
LCB: Open competition

M. TURNER

C. LOFTON

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
B-	B	B	C+	C+	C+	B-	C+

if he needs to. Ryan has enough arm strength to make all the throws. Atlanta re-signed Ryan's backup, Chris Redman, to a two-year deal in March. He did a nice job filling in for Ryan when he was injured last season and has what it takes to keep the team competitive if called upon. The Falcons also have two young, inexperienced quarterbacks on the roster in John Parker Wilson and D.J. Shockley, who could end up on the practice squad again.

RUNNING BACKS

Atlanta will return with a backfield of Michael Turner, Jerious Norwood and Jason Snelling for a third consecutive season. Turner has been the focal point of the offense since joining the team in 2008. A high ankle sprain derailed his '09 campaign just after midseason, and he only had 13 carries in the final seven games. When he is healthy and at his best, the Falcons' offense is difficult to contain. Turner often breaks multiple tackles and is a powerful force. He will wear down defenses and has enough of a burst to kick it into high gear when he finds an opening. Norwood is Atlanta's change-of-pace back. He has elite speed but hasn't been very durable, which makes Snelling a valuable piece. Snelling became the team's featured back when Turner and Norwood were injured last season, and he did a solid job. He's not as big as Turner, but he's a tough runner. FB Ovie Mughelli is considered one of the better blocking backs in the league. He rarely touches the ball, though.

RECEIVERS

The Falcons have stockpiled a nice arsenal of weapons for Matt Ryan at receiver. The corps is led by Roddy White, who has racked up at least 1,153 yards in each of the past three seasons. He has developed into a true No. 1 receiver after a slow start to his career. White is a strong, physical receiver, and he's quick enough to beat a corner and get open deep. His hands are usually reliable, but he will drop a pass on occasion. The top complementary receivers in Atlanta are Michael Jenkins and Harry Douglas, who is coming off a torn ACL that sidelined him for the entire 2009 season. Jenkins is a predictably reliable target for Ryan, as he has made between 50-53 catches in each of the past three seasons. At 6-foot-4, he has a size advantage over defensive backs. Fifth-round pick WR Kerry Meier, a converted quarterback, has good hands and size, but he will need time to develop after playing in a spread offense at Kansas. The acquisition of Tony Gonzalez last year gave the Falcons a much-needed pass-catching tight end, and it paid dividends right away. At 34, Gonzalez is reaching the end of his career, but he still is an effective weapon in the passing game and also blocks well. Gonzalez's backup, Justin Peelle, functions almost exclusively as a blocker in the team's offense.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Atlanta enters 2010 with the same starting offensive linemen it has had in each of the previous two seasons. While it struggled against 3-4 fronts early in '09, this group is considered a solid, albeit unspectacular, unit. C Todd McClure has spent all 11 of his NFL seasons with the Falcons — no other player on the roster has been with the team longer — and he's been very durable over the years, starting every game in which the team has played the past eight seasons. He's a savvy technician and a leader on offense. To McClure's left is OG Justin Blalock, a dependable masher who can move a pile. He has a great combination of size, intelligence and strength. He's not as nasty as his fellow starting guard, Harvey Dahl, who mans the right side. Dahl is a fighter who blocks through the whistle — some consider him a dirty player. He gets by more on effort that athletic ability. Injuries have been a problem for OLT Sam Baker in each of his first two seasons, but he has played well when healthy. Baker is considered a finesse player and a better pass protector than run blocker. ORT Tyson Clabo has good size and long arms. He doesn't have ideal foot quickness or upper-body strength. With Dahl playing on a one-year deal and Blalock heading into his contract year, Atlanta added depth behind them in the draft. Rookies Mike Johnson and Joe Hawley are versatile and could be tried out at multiple spots on the line. Veteran Quinn Ojinnaka could also step in at guard or tackle, and Atlanta hopes Garrett Reynolds will blossom into a potential starter at right tackle in the near future.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Arizona	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	BYE	
Nov. 7	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Baltimore	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 21	at St. Louis	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 28	Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 27	New Orleans	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Carolina	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Atlanta

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Miami	(-4)	19-7
Sept. 20	Carolina	(-6)	28-20
Sept. 27	At New England	(+4.5)	10-26
Oct. 4	BYE		
Oct. 11	At San Francisco	(+1)	45-10
Oct. 18	Chicago	(-4)	21-14
Oct. 25	At Dallas	(+5)	21-37
Nov. 2	At New Orleans	(+11)	27-35
Nov. 8	Washington	(-8.5)	31-17
Nov. 15	At Carolina	(-1.5)	19-28
Nov. 22	At New York Giants	(+7)	31-34*
Nov. 29	Tampa Bay	(-12.5)	20-17
Dec. 6	Philadelphia	(+4.5)	7-34
Dec. 13	New Orleans	(+10)	23-26
Dec. 20	At New York Jets	(+5.5)	10-7
Dec. 27	Buffalo	(-8)	31-3
Jan. 3	At Tampa Bay	(-3)	20-10

* Overtime

DEFENSE

The Falcons' defense was infused with a crop of young talent after last year's draft, but the team's top two picks, DT Peria Jerry and S William Moore, suffered season-ending injuries early in the campaign. Atlanta is counting on Jerry to bolster a pass rush that was lackluster in 2009, and Moore will compete for playing time in the secondary. Coordinator Brian VanGorder has a younger, faster group than the one he inherited in '08, but significant improvement is expected. Atlanta operates out of a 4-3 base defense and plays mostly zone coverage.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The Falcons' defensive linemen made only 21 sacks in 2009, and the pass rush became a major concern for the team. DE John Abraham has the power and athleticism to dominate, but he turned 32 in early May and some are

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**MIA.**	**CAR.**	**@N.E.**	**@S.F.**	**CHI.**	**@DALL.**	**@N.O.**	**WASH.**	**@CAR.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**T.B.**	**PHIL.**	**N.O.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**BUFF.**	**@T.B.**	
Score	19-7	28-20	10-26	45-10	21-14	21-37	27-35	31-17	19-28	31-34	20-17	7-34	23-26	10-7	31-3	20-10	
Total net yards	281	371	257	477	253	298	442	306	400	352	297	295	392	238	391	397	5447
Rushing yards	68	151	58	148	68	124	161	181	176	90	75	61	89	86	157	183	1876
Passing yards	213	220	199	329	185	174	281	125	224	262	222	234	303	152	234	214	3571
Rushing plays	27	37	17	40	23	26	24	27	29	30	26	22	21	28	37	37	451
Sacks allowed	2	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	0	2	6	2	1	0	3	1	27
Had intercepted	0	1	0	1	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	17
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	8
Yards penalized	35	40	54	90	70	30	25	54	26	16	29	30	55	25	70	15	664
Punts	4	3	5	4	5	5	3	3	2	2	5	6	1	8	4	3	63

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	29:07	28:28	39:49	23:31	33:54	28:52	33:14	33:32	28:09	30:08	28:24	29:11	36:44	30:24	25:35	24:31	30:13
Total net yards	259	440	445	279	373	414	437	312	380	456	318	380	391	314	178	206	5582
Rushing yards	96	144	168	100	83	115	146	136	185	88	73	103	95	99	40	40	1711
Passing yards	163	296	277	179	290	299	291	176	195	368	245	277	296	215	138	166	3871
Rushing plays	22	25	39	17	23	28	35	32	34	26	26	26	26	33	18	23	433
Sacks allowed	4	1	0	3	2	2	2	5	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	1	28
Had intercepted	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	15
Fumbles lost	3	1	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	13
Yards penalized	27	35	10	92	65	50	65	88	48	64	52	61	59	65	60	51	892
Punts	5	2	2	5	4	3	2	3	4	3	6	3	1	5	7	7	62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Norwood	2-7-0	1-6-0		12-44-0	4-21-0			3-9-0	5-6-0	2-4-0	5-14-0	6-22-0	11-18-0	9-33-0	9-22-0	13-52-0	9-27-0	76-252-0
Ryan	3-(-4)-0	2-3-0	1-(-1)-0	2-3-1	3-8-0	1-6-0									2-(-2)-0		1-3-0	30-49-1
Snelling		6-37-0	1-3-0	2-5-0	3-9-0	7-68-0				18-61-1	25-76-2	4-8-0	10-35-0	10-37-1	16-59-0	15-68-0	25-147-0	142-613-4
Turner	22-65-0	28-105-1	15-56-1	22-97-3	13-30-1	18-50-1	20-151-1	18-166-2	9-111-0			12-33-0			1-7-0			178-871-10
Weems							1-1-0	1-1-0				1-7-0	1-8-0	2-19-0		2-17-0		8-53-0

PASSING **

Redman											23-41-0 243-2	23-44-2 235-1	23-34-1 303-1				69-119-3 781-4
Ryan	22-36-0 229-2	21-27-1 220-3	17-28-0 199-0	22-32-1 329-2	19-33-2 185-2	19-35-2 198-2	19-42-3 289-1	17-24-1 135-1	22-41-2 224-1	26-46-0 268-2	2-3-0 15-0			16-34-0 152-1	18-35-0 250-3	23-35-2 223-2	263-451-14 2916-22

RECEIVING

M. Booker		2-42-0	2-17-0			1-14-0		1-9-0		1-7-0		1-4-0	3-23-0	1-8-0	4-57-1		16-181-1
Finneran		1-6-0	2-23-0	1-8-0	1-4-0	2-22-0		1-9-0				1-14-0	2-25-0				11-111-0
Gonzalez	5-73-1	7-71-1	1-16-0	6-55-0	4-52-1	4-37-0	6-89-0	5-41-1	6-67-0	8-82-1	9-83-0	8-72-0	6-50-0	3-32-1	2-17-0	3-30-0	83-867-6
Jenkins	4-41-0	3-33-0	5-78-0	2-35-0	2-15-0	2-22-0	4-66-0	1-5-0	4-15-0	6-76-0	7-80-0		3-82-1	1-20-0	2-22-0	4-45-0	50-635-1
Mughelli	2-22-1							1-8-0					2-14-0	2-7-0			7-51-1
Norwood	5-49-0			1-(-6)-0	2-12-0						2-28-1	2-24-0		2-47-0	1-9-0	4-23-0	19-186-1
Peelle				1-12-0	2-8-0		1-4-0		2-12-1	3-41-0						3-38-1	12-115-2
Snelling	1-2-0	1-10-1	3-41-0	3-15-0	2-22-0	1-10-0			3-32-0	3-13-0		2-17-0	4-65-0	3-5-0	1-6-0	3-21-0	30-259-1
Turner		1-5-0			2-16-0			2-14-0									5-35-0
Weems						2-33-1				1-4-1	2-10-0		1-3-0				6-50-2
White	5-42-0	6-53-1	4-24-0	8-210-2	4-56-1	6-50-1	4-108-1	3-27-0	7-98-0	4-45-0	5-57-1	9-104-1	2-41-0	4-33-0	8-139-2	6-66-1	85-1153-11

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Sean Weatherspoon	OLB	Missouri	19
3	Corey Peters	DT	Kentucky	83
3	Mike Johnson	OG	Alabama	98
4	Joe Hawley	C-OG	UNLV	117
5	Dominique Franks	CB	Oklahoma	135
5	Kerry Meier	WR	Kansas	165
6	Shann Schillinger	FS	Montana	171

S. WEATHERSPOON

wondering if the wear and tear of 10 pro seasons is catching up to him. The coaching staff tries to limit his workload during games to keep him fresh. The Falcons will use a combination of players, including Jamaal Anderson and Kroy Biermann, at the other DE spot. Anderson, a first-round pick in '07, doesn't have the instincts to be a successful edge rusher, and he has moved inside in passing situations to make room for Biermann. Biermann is undersized for his position, but he gives great effort and has the strength to push blockers backward. The Falcons are hoping the return of DT Peria Jerry will add a jolt to their pass rush this season. Jerry suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week Two last year after being drafted in the first round, but he's expected to be in good condition heading into training camp. If he can stay healthy, Jerry should become a disruptive force. He has a quick first step. DT Jonathan Babineaux is a key piece on defense and is coming off a career year. He's also quick off the ball and flashes playmaking ability. Babineaux does come with off-field baggage, though, and could face a suspension for violating the league's personal-conduct policy. Third-round pick Corey Peters was added as insurance. Peters is strong and shows some power. He lacks ideal athletic traits but could develop into a serviceable three-technique.

LINEBACKERS

Curtis Lofton is on his way to becoming one of the finest run-defending middle 'backers in the game, despite having less-than-ideal speed and size. He stayed on the field in passing situations for the first time last season and is still working on becoming a more astute pass defender, but he's a sure tackler and makes his presence felt in the ground game. He's competitive and reliable. The Falcons signed WLB Mike Peterson in 2009 to bring some veteran leadership to a defense that was getting younger. Peterson, like Lofton, is considered a quality tackler and is better at defending the run than he is at dropping into coverage, although the 12-year veteran did have seven passes defended and an interception last season. First-round pick Sean Weatherspoon is likely to replace Peterson in passing situations early this season and will eventually get a chance to start, although it may not be until 2011. Weatherspoon was very productive during his career at Missouri. He's a fast-flowing, explosive player with impressive short-area burst. Weatherspoon doesn't have ideal size and could have a hard time disengaging if a blocker gets a hand on him. He'll bring intensity and is a striker. SLB Stephen Nicholas is entering his second year as a full-time starter. He's aggressive and his motor is always running, but he doesn't have great size or closing speed. Nicholas is the team's best and most natural blitzer at the position.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Atlanta made a splash in free agency with the signing of CB Dunta Robinson, who spent the previous six seasons with the Texans. Robinson immediately became the team's top corner and will be charged with heading up a young group that needed a veteran presence. He's fast, tough and aggressive, and while he didn't have an interception last season — the first time that has happened in his career — he has good ball skills. Brent Grimes, Chris Owens and Brian Williams will vie for the other starting corner spot. Williams was a starter last season until he tore his ACL in Week Six, but he could regain the top position on the depth

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	84 WHITE	83 Douglas	14 Weems
OLT	72 BAKER	74 Svitek	
OLG	63 BLALOCK	76 Ojinnaka	65 Valdez
C	62 McCLURE	65 Romberg	61 Hawley*
ORG	73 DAHL	76 Ojinnaka	79 M. Johnson*
ORT	77 CLABO	75 Reynolds	
TE	88 GONZALEZ	87 Peelle	89 Zinger
WR	12 JENKINS	86 Finneran	80 Meier*
QB	2 RYAN	8 Redman	4 Wilson
RB	33 TURNER	44 Snelling	32 Norwood
FB	34 MUGHELLI		
DEFENSE			
DLE	98 ANDERSON	71 Biermann	90 Sidbury
NT	94 JERRY	93 T. Johnson	91 Peters*
UT	95 BABINEAUX	99 Walker	97 Lewis
DRE	55 ABRAHAM	92 Davis	
SLB	54 NICHOLAS	52 Wire	
MLB	50 LOFTON	51 James	
WLB	53 PETERSON	56 Weatherspoon*	59 Adkins
LCB	23 ROBINSON	22 Jackson	24 Franks*
RCB	20 GRIMES	21 Owens	29 Williams
SS	26 COLEMAN	25 Moore	39 Schillinger*
FS	28 DeCOUD	27 Giordano	
SPECIALISTS			
P	9 KOENEN		
PK	3 BRYANT	6 Hauschka	
H	9 KOENEN		
PR	83 DOUGLAS	14 Weems	
KR	14 WEEMS	32 Norwood	24 Franks*
LS	82 ZELENKA		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Keith Armstrong, *special-teams coordinator*; Jonas Beauchemin, *asst. strength coach*; Paul Boudreau, *offensive line*; Gerald Brown, *running backs*; Mark Collins, *defensive asst.*; Paul Dunn, *asst. offensive line*; Jeff Fish, *director of athletic performance*; Ray Hamilton, *defensive line*; Bill Hughan, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Tim Lewis, *secondary*; Mike Mularkey, *offensive coordinator*; Bill Musgrave, *asst. head coach/quarterbacks*; Glenn Pires, *linebackers*; Alvin Reynolds, *defensive backs*; Terry Robiskie, *wide receivers*; Chris Scelfo, *tight ends*; Mike Smith, *head coach*; Eric Sutulovich, *asst. special teams*; Glenn Thomas, *offensive quality control*; Brian VanGorder, *defensive coordinator*.

chart if he can shake off the rust. Grimes is a speedy, scrappy, smallish corner, and he made six interceptions last season. Owens is also undersized, but he has good short-area burst and gladly steps up to defend the run. Fifth-round pick Dominique Franks' play was inconsistent and often undisciplined while at Oklahoma. He'll try to earn a spot as a backup. The Falcons will field a starting safety tandem of FS Thomas DeCoud and SS Erik Coleman for the second season in a row. Some considered DeCoud to be the club's defensive MVP last season, when he made two sacks, had three interceptions and forced two fumbles. Coleman is sometimes called on to step up in the box to defend the run, and he's a solid tackler.

SPECIAL TEAMS

A training-camp battle will decide the Falcons' situation at placekicker. Matt Bryant and Steven Hauschka, who were both signed last season after being cut by their former teams, are the contenders, although neither appears to be a very reliable option at this point of their careers. Michael Koenen will handle the kickoff and punting duties. He has a powerful leg and is highly valued by the team. WR Eric Weems did a nice job last season returning kicks and punts, but he could face competition from WR Harry Douglas on punt returns in training camp. RB Jerious Norwood also has experience as a returner. All three have the speed and shiftiness to break long returns. Rookie Dominique Franks flashed big-play potential at Oklahoma and will be considered for return duty.

SUMMARY

The Falcons have their sights set higher than just another above .500 finish — anything less than a playoff appearance would be a major disappointment for the franchise. As long as the core players on offense stay healthy, scoring points shouldn't be too difficult for Atlanta. There's pressure on the defense to raise its game, and the addition of CB Dunta Robinson and first-round pick WLB Sean Weatherspoon is expected to aid in that process.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
55	Abraham, John	DE	6-4	266	11	South Carolina	16/15
59	Adkins, Spencer	LB	5-11	246	2	Miami (Fla.)	5/0
98	Anderson, Jamaal	DE	6-6	283	4	Arkansas	13/13
95	Babineaux, Jonathan	DT	6-2	288	6	Iowa	16/16
72	Baker, Sam	T	6-5	312	3	USC	14/14
48	Banks, Leroy	TE	6-3	243	R	Southern Mississippi	
11	Bergeron, Troy	WR	6-2	198	1	None	0/0
71	Biermann, Kroy	DE	6-3	260	3	Montana	16/2
63	Blalock, Justin	G	6-4	333	4	Texas	16/16
67	Bruggeman, Rob	OL	6-4	293	1	Iowa	0/0
3	Bryant, Matt	PK	5-9	200	9	Baylor	5/0
70	Bryant, Trey	DT	6-2	315	R	Baylor	
16	Buckley, Tim	WR	6-1	185	R	Alcorn State	
36	Bush, Rafael	S	5-11	195	R	South Carolina State	
77	Clabo, Tyson	OT	6-6	332	6	Wake Forest	16/16
26	Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	206	7	Washington State	16/16
73	Dahl, Harvey	OG	6-5	308	4	Nevada	11/11
37	Daniels, Dominique	CB	6-2	190	R	Nicholls State	
92	Davis, Chauncey	DE	6-2	274	6	Florida State	16/4
28	DeCoud, Thomas	S	6-2	205	3	California	16/16
38	Derricks, Gabe	S	6-3	202	R	San Diego	
83	Douglas, Harry	WR	6-0	182	2	Louisville	0/0
46	Drescher, Justin	LS	6-1	230	R	Colorado	
86	Finneran, Brian	WR	6-5	206	10	Villanova	10/2
24	Franks, Dominique	CB	5-11	194	R	Oklahoma	
27	Giordano, Matt	S	5-11	200	6	California	5/0
88	Gonzalez, Tony	TE	6-5	251	14	California	16/16
20	Grimes, Brent	CB	5-10	185	3	Shippensburg	16/8
17	Harvey, Brandyn	WR	6-4	205	R	Villanova	
6	Hauschka, Steve	PK	6-4	210	3	North Carolina State	9/0
61	Hawley, Joe	OL	6-3	297	R	UNLV	
64	Henley, Rajon	DE	6-3	244	R	Texas Tech	
22	Jackson, Chevis	CB	5-11	185	3	LSU	15/2
51	James, Robert	LB	5-11	218	1	Arizona State	1/0
12	Jenkins, Michael	WR	6-4	215	7	Ohio State	15/9
94	Jerry, Peria	DT	6-2	290	2	Mississippi	2/2
79	Johnson, Mike	OL	6-5	312	R	Alabama	
93	Johnson, Thomas	DT	6-2	305	3	Middle Tennessee	13/10
43	Johnson, Weston	LB	6-3	233	R	Wyoming	
49	Klecko, Dan	DL	5-11	275	7	Temple	0/0
9	Koenen, Michael	P	5-11	199	6	Western Washington	16/0
97	Lewis, Trey	DT	6-3	323	3	Washburn (Mo.)	8/1
5	Lindholm, Garrett	PK	5-9	190	R	Tarleton State	
50	Lofton, Curtis	LB	6-0	248	3	Oklahoma	16/16
62	McClure, Todd	C	6-1	301	12	LSU	16/16
80	Meier, Kerry	WR	6-2	224	R	Kansas	
25	Moore, William	S	6-0	218	2	Missouri	2/0
34	Mughelli, Ovie	FB	6-1	245	8	Wake Forest	14/7
30	Nance, Dimitri	RB	5-10	218	R	Arizona State	
54	Nicholas, Stephen	LB	6-3	232	4	South Florida	16/13
32	Norwood, Jerious	RB	5-11	202	5	Mississippi State	10/4
76	Ojinnaka, Quinn	OT	6-5	305	5	Syracuse	9/5
21	Owens, Christopher	CB	5-9	181	2	San Jose State	16/6
81	Palmer, Michael	TE	6-5	260	R	Clemson	
47	Peek, Colin	TE	6-6	255	R	Alabama	
87	Peelle, Justin	TE	6-4	250	9	Oregon	15/8
91	Peters, Corey	DT	6-3	295	R	Kentucky	
53	Peterson, Mike	LB	6-1	238	12	Florida	16/16
8	Redman, Chris	QB	6-3	221	8	Louisville	6/2
75	Reynolds, Garrett	OT	6-7	310	2	North Carolina	4/0
23	Robinson, Dunta	CB	5-10	182	7	South Carolina	16/16
66	Romberg, Brett	C	6-2	298	7	Miami (Fla.)	9/0
2	Ryan, Matt	QB	6-4	220	3	Boston College	14/14
39	Schillinger, Shann	S	6-0	202	R	Montana	
69	Schlueter, Blake	OL	6-2	279	1	TCU	0/0
1	Shockley, D.J.	QB	6-0	222	3	Georgia	0/0
90	Sidbury, Lawrence	DE	6-3	265	2	Richmond	16/0
35	Smith, Antone	RB	5-9	190	1	Florida State	0/0
44	Snelling, Jason	RB	5-11	229	4	Virginia	14/2
96	Stephens, Emmanuel	DE	6-3	255	R	Mississippi	
15	Strickland, Andy	WR	6-0	187	1	Wofford	0/0
74	Svitek, Will	OT	6-6	300	5	Stanford	13/2
33	Turner, Michael	RB	5-10	244	7	Northern Illinois	11/11
65	Valdez, Jose	OG	6-6	310	1	Arkansas	0/0
99	Walker, Vance	DT	6-2	293	2	Georgia Tech	10/1
56	Weatherspoon, Sean	OLB	6-1	239	R	Missouri	
14	Weems, Eric	WR	5-9	191	3	Bethune-Cookman	16/0
84	White, Roddy	WR	6-0	208	6	Alabama-Birmingham	16/16
29	Williams, Brian	CB	5-11	202	9	North Carolina State	5/5
4	Wilson, John Parker	QB	6-2	211	1	Alabama	0/0
52	Wire, Coy	LB	6-0	228	9	Stanford	16/1
19	Wolfe, Ryan	WR	6-2	210	R	UNLV	
45	Woods, Bear	LB	6-0	245	R	Troy	
82	Zelenka, Joe	LS	6-3	260	12	Wake Forest	5/0
89	Zinger, Keith	TE	6-4	268	2	LSU	15/2

NEW ORLEANS Saints

2010 PREDICTION: 10-6 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 13-3 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

S. PAYTON

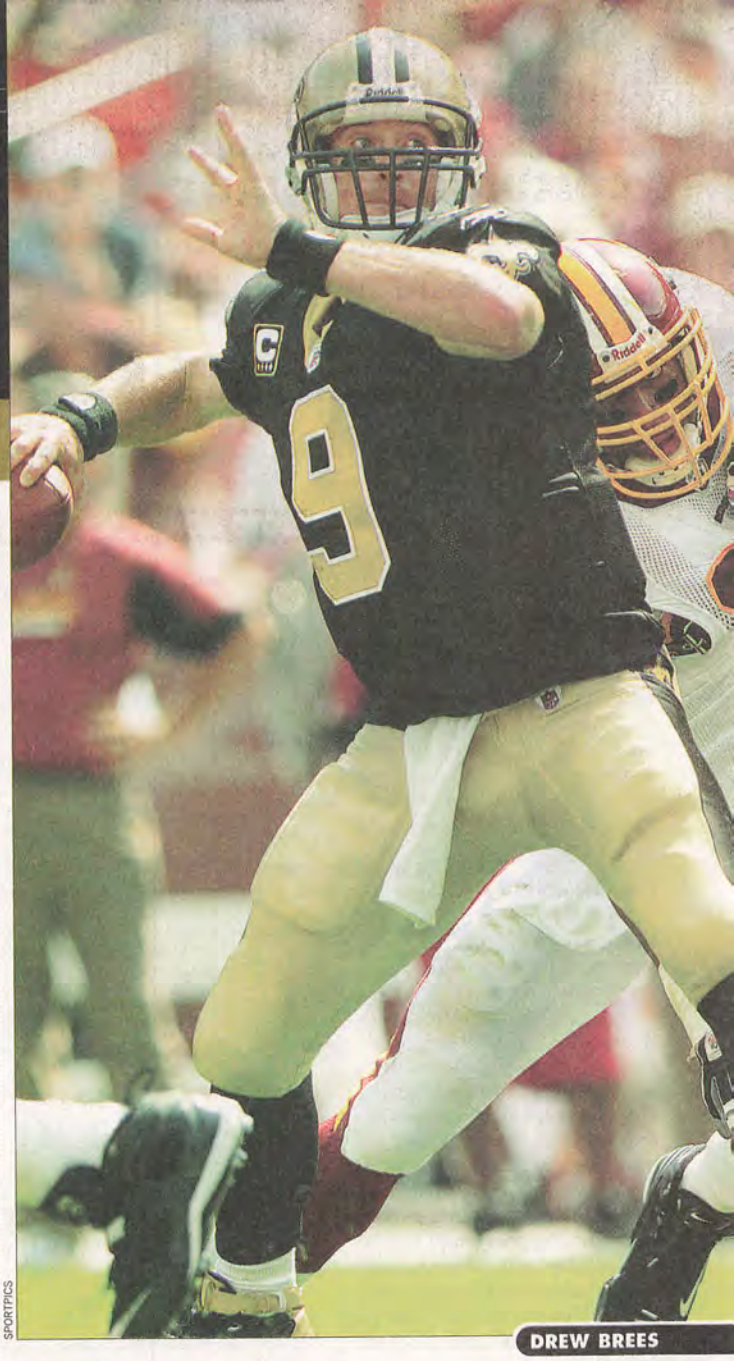
HEAD COACH: Sean Payton
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Pete Carmichael Jr.
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Gregg Williams
OWNER: Tom Benson
STADIUM: Louisiana Superdome | **CAPACITY:** 69,703
PLAYING SURFACE: Momentum turf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.neworleanssaints.com

The partying may have lasted a bit longer than the Super Bowl celebrations that preceded it, but eventually the Saints went back to work after defeating the Colts and, for the first time in franchise history, will defend a title.

No team has made it to consecutive Super Bowls since the Patriots won it in 2004 and again in '05, and no team has ever won the NFC South two years in a row since the division was instituted in '02. History isn't exactly on New Orleans' side when it comes to repeating as a champion in the league or the division, but this is a franchise that hasn't let past failures affect its performance. After all, the Saints of '09 became the first team to lose the final three games in the regular season and still win a Super Bowl.

The Saints lost a handful of key players in the offseason and the rules of the uncapped season prevented them from being very active in signing free agents. OLB Scott Fujita left to join the Browns and DE Charles Grant was released, leaving two starting spots open on defense.

Yet, this still is a team with plenty of talent on both sides of the ball, and they have one of the best quarterbacks around in Drew Brees. There is potential for sustained success. It's up to the new faces brought in on draft weekend and the continued efforts of those who tasted the peak of NFL greatness in February to keep the level of play high.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DREW BREES

OFFENSE

Head coach Sean Payton and QB Drew Brees lead one of the most explosive offenses in the league — it has finished No. 1 in the league in three of the four seasons Payton has been at the helm. He's an aggressive play-caller, and Brees is the bright technician who executes efficiently. New Orleans operates out of a variety of formations and uses several different personnel packages during the course of a game. Payton's offense has been called a "West Coast hybrid." The Saints will load up with two tight ends to run with power and also spread the field with four receivers at times, forcing defenses to constantly adjust.

QUARTERBACKS

No player is more valuable to the Saints than Drew Brees. He can make every throw and is very accurate — he set the record for completion percentage (70.6) in a season in 2009. Brees rarely scrambles to pick up yards, but he has good feet and pocket awareness. His release is about as quick as it gets, which helps him avoid taking sacks. Pressure will bother him, but teams that blitz Brees are taking a major risk, as he has the ability to make them pay dearly. He doesn't have a cannon for an arm, but he has enough strength to complete deep passes and hit receivers in

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

DE Alex Brown, DE Jimmy Wilkerson.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

RB Mike Bell, OLB Scott Fujita, DE Charles Grant, OG Jamar Nesbit.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP QB Drew Brees

DEFENSIVE MVP DE Will Smith

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER

DT Sedrick Ellis

POSITION BATTLE

SLB: Open competition

D. BREES

W. SMITH

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
A	B	B+	A-	B-	C	B+	B

stride downfield. Brees plays smart and is the voice of authority in the huddle. His production is superb. There is not much security behind him, though. Chase Daniel, who spent most of his rookie year bouncing on and off the Saints' roster, is Brees' top backup. He's a project who will take years of quality coaching before he's ready to contribute in a game situation and would fit best as a No. 3 quarterback.

RUNNING BACKS

The running game emerged as a strength for the Saints last season and gave the team some much-needed balance on offense. RB Pierre Thomas is the featured rusher. He's quick and will make defenders miss while picking up extra yards. He can stay on his feet after first contact, although he's not built like a power back, and is a determined ballcarrier. Thomas vowed to bulk up this offseason. He has good hands and can help out as a receiver, but he needs to improve as a pass blocker. Reggie Bush's role has become more limited over the years, but he's a valued weapon. Bush functions as a rusher and receiver and is dangerous playing either role if he gets the chance to create in space. Lynell Hamilton should see more substantial playing time following Mike Bell's departure in the offseason. Hamilton could get an opportunity to become the Saints' short-yardage back. Heath Evans will return as the primary lead blocker. He was off to a strong start last year before a torn ACL sent him to injured reserve in October. Evans has said he'll be ready to play by training camp. He's predominantly used to clear out defenders but will touch the ball on occasion.

RECEIVERS

Drew Brees has a deep, talented array of targets. The receiving corps is led by Marques Colston, who uses his wide frame to box out defenders and get in position to make the catch. He's tall, strong and deceptively quick. Colston doesn't have great straight-line speed, but he's elusive and will break away from corners. Smaller defensive backs have trouble bringing him down. Devery Henderson's game is built on speed. He's a deep threat who can make a big play as long as he keeps focus and his hands don't fail him, which is something he's had a problem with in the past. Robert Meachem improved last season and is showing signs of living up to expectations that followed him after he was selected in the first round in 2007. He's sure-handed and has speed to beat corners. Meachem is a dangerous weapon in the red zone. Lance Moore missed much of last season with injuries and struggled to reclaim his place in the offense thanks to Meachem's development. Moore is fundamentally sound, works hard and is a quality route runner. TE Jeremy Shockey has had to accept a smaller role than the one he became used to in New York, but he seems to have embraced it. Durability is a concern with Shockey, but he's a reliable option for Brees when healthy. TE David Thomas is a valuable backup tight end who also can shift into the backfield and contribute as a lead blocker. Third-round TE Jimmy Graham has great upside, but he will need to learn fundamentals like diagnosing coverages. He played only one year of college football at Miami.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

It's not yet clear who will start at left tackle. Jermon Bushrod was thrust into the role last season after Jammal Brown, who underwent surgeries for a sports hernia and a hip injury, landed on injured reserve. Brown, a two-time Pro Bowler, likely will reclaim his job, but Bushrod is younger and played well at times last season. While Bushrod flashed signs of becoming a reliable blind-side protector, he struggled against top-end pass rushers and is a developing player. Some observers believed Brown was overrated before his surgeries, citing poor hand placement and a tendency to overset in pass protection. He's strong in his upper- and lower-body, though, and is athletic enough to keep his massive body in front of rushers. Jammal Brown became more expendable when the Saints picked OT Charles Brown in the second round. He has the traits necessary to become a pro left tackle. ORT Jon Stinchcomb is more effective as a run blocker than a pass protector, but he's a solid all-around performer and was named to the Pro Bowl last season. There are times when fast rushers give him fits, but he can escort many of them wide of the pocket. The Saints have one of the best guard tandems in the league. ORG Jahri Evans is a bulldozer who is equally effective when setting up in pass protection. He plays at an elite level. OLG Carl Nicks is a powerful blocker with girth. He's athletic, agile, has long arms and a strong punch. C Jonathan Goodwin isn't as naturally athletic as his fellow interior O-linemen, but he's strong and rarely gets knocked backward.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 9	Minnesota	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at San Francisco	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Arizona	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	BYE	
Nov. 21	Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Dallas	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	St. Louis	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 27	at Atlanta	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to New Orleans

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Detroit	(-14)	45-27
Sept. 20	At Philadelphia	(-3)	48-22
Sept. 27	At Buffalo	(-6)	27-7
Oct. 4	New York Jets	(-7.5)	24-10
Oct. 11	BYE		
Oct. 18	New York Giants	(-3)	48-27
Oct. 25	At Miami	(-6.5)	46-34
Nov. 2	Atlanta	(-11)	35-27
Nov. 8	Carolina	(-11.5)	30-20
Nov. 15	At St. Louis	(-14)	28-23
Nov. 22	At Tampa Bay	(-10.5)	38-7
Nov. 30	New England	(-2)	38-17
Dec. 6	At Washington	(-8.5)	33-30*
Dec. 13	At Atlanta	(-10)	26-23
Dec. 19	Dallas	(-7.5)	17-24
Dec. 27	Tampa Bay	(-14)	17-20*
Jan. 3	At Carolina	(+10)	10-23
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 16	Arizona	(-7)	45-14
Jan. 24	Minnesota	(-4)	31-28*
Feb. 7	Indianapolis	(+5)	31-17

* Overtime

DEFENSE

One of the Saints' most valuable additions last year was defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, who turned the unit into the league's most opportunistic. While the Saints still had trouble defending the run and were ranked low in terms of yards allowed, he gave the defense a swagger that it lacked. Williams' scheme is predicated on putting pressure on the quarterback. He wants to blitz and get a few "remember me" shots on the signal-caller. Williams gives offenses a variety of looks, but the

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	DET.	@PHIL.	@BUFF.	N.Y.J.	N.Y.G.	@MIA.	ATL.	CAR.	@ST.L.	@T.B.	N.E.	@WASH.	@ATL.	DALL.	T.B.	@CAR.	
Score	45-27	48-22	27-7	24-10	48-27	46-34	35-27	30-20	28-23	38-7	38-17	33-30	26-23	17-24	17-20	10-23	
Total net yards	515	421	378	343	493	414	437	414	420	370	480	463	391	336	373	213	6461
Rushing yards	157	133	222	153	124	138	146	84	203	183	113	55	95	65	124	111	2106
Passing yards	358	288	156	190	369	276	291	330	217	187	367	408	296	271	249	102	4355
Rushing plays	35	29	38	32	40	27	35	23	29	36	26	24	26	13	23	32	468
Sacks allowed	0	2	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	20
Had intercepted	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	12
Fumbles lost	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	16
Yards penalized	36	13	97	70	55	25	65	55	40	55	36	102	59	30	14	35	787
Punts	2	3	5	5	4	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	1	4	4	9	58

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	23:30	29:34	26:26	27:21	23:53	26:58	26:46	32:26	32:02	27:36	33:16	28:19	23:16	36:26	32:31	30:38	28:49
Total net yards	231	463	243	244	325	334	442	371	434	219	366	455	392	439	439	327	5724
Rushing yards	33	79	89	132	84	137	161	182	141	119	122	88	89	145	176	178	1955
Passing yards	198	384	154	112	241	197	281	189	293	100	244	367	303	294	263	149	3769
Rushing plays	20	22	21	27	19	30	24	39	29	23	28	25	21	36	34	37	435
Sacks allowed	1	1	4	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	0	1	3	3	2	35
Had intercepted	3	3	1	3	1	2	3	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	2	0	26
Fumbles lost	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	13
Yards penalized	80	45	116	21	110	55	25	37	20	18	0	15	55	49	42	29	717
Punts	5	5	9	6	4	6	3	3	4	5	3	1	1	5	3	8	71

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

M. Bell	28-143-0	17-86-1			15-34-1	12-80-0	17-49-0	5-17-0	8-30-0	13-75-2	13-50-0	16-34-0		4-8-1	7-20-0	17-28-0	172-654-5
Brees		1-(-1)-0	6-8-0	3-5-0	1-6-0	2-3-2	2-3-0	2-4-0			1-(-1)-0		2-(-2)-0	2-8-0			22-33-2
Bush	7-14-0	10-33-1	13-64-0	6-37-0	6-17-1	3-10-1	2-3-1	2-16-0	6-83-1			1-0-0	6-33-0	1-29-0	2-16-0	5-35-0	70-390-5
Hamilton			5-24-1							9-19-0			4-13-0		7-21-0	10-48-1	35-125-2
Meachem		1-15-0		1-13-0	1-2-0				1-41-0				1-4-0		1-7-0		6-82-0
P. Thomas			14-126-2	19-86-1	15-72-0	8-30-0	14-91-1	13-50-1	11-37-0	11-92-0	11-64-0	6-18-0	13-47-0	6-20-0	6-60-1		147-793-6

PASSING **

Brees	26-34-1 358-6	25-34-1 311-3	16-29-0 172-0	20-32-0 190-0	23-30-0 369-4	22-38-3 298-1	25-33-1 308-2	24-35-1 330-1	18-26-2 223-2	19-29-0 187-3	18-23-0 371-5	35-49-1 419-2	31-40-0 296-3	29-45-1 298-1	32-37-0 258-1		363-514-11 4388-34
Brunell													0-1-0 0-0			15-29-1 102-0	15-30-1 102-0

RECEIVING

Bush	5-55-0	3-42-0	3-17-0	3-7-0	1-7-0	3-16-0	2-11-0	7-37-0	2-15-1			4-28-0	6-46-2	2-17-0	6-37-0		47-335-3
Colston	3-30-1	8-98-2	4-67-0	2-33-0	8-166-1	5-72-1	6-85-1	1-45-0	2-17-0	5-74-0	4-121-1	2-46-1	6-54-1	5-86-0	8-77-0	1-3-0	70-1074-9
Dinkins											1-2-1					4-20-0	5-22-1
H. Evans	4-35-1	2-16-1		1-11-0	1-5-0	2-3-0											10-70-2
Henderson	5-103-1	3-71-0	3-40-0	3-21-0	1-6-0	4-71-0	4-46-0	3-93-0	4-72-0	1-(-2)-0	3-116-1	6-61-0	3-31-0	2-22-0	5-35-0	1-18-0	51-804-2
Meachem	2-51-1	1-11-0		1-19-0	2-70-1		2-47-0	5-98-1	1-27-1	2-10-2	5-69-1	8-142-1	4-57-0	5-43-0	5-66-1	2-12-0	45-722-9
L. Moore	2-38-0			1-1-0	6-78-1	2-18-0	2-11-0							1-7-1			14-153-2
Shockey	4-31-2	4-49-0	6-48-0	4-34-0	4-37-1	4-105-0	5-72-0	3-26-0	3-42-0	2-17-0	1-15-0	4-47-0	4-46-0				48-569-3
D. Thomas	1-15-0	2-19-0		1-18-0		1-(-1)-0	2-27-0		5-45-0	4-66-1	1-25-0	3-31-0	2-9-0	8-77-0	5-25-0		35-356-1
P. Thomas		1-(-4)-0		4-46-0		1-14-0	2-9-1	5-31-0	1-5-0	3-11-0	3-23-1	8-64-0	6-53-0	5-50-0			39-302-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

Saints play a 4-3 base.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

DE Will Smith enjoyed a resurgent season in 2009 as he transitioned to playing in Gregg Williams' system. Smith is the Saints' lone consistent pass-rushing presence, and he has the ability to dominate. A well-built, quick disruptor, he will pursue down the line when the ball is run away from him. Smith has a high motor. Alex Brown and Jimmy Wilkerson signed with New Orleans in April and could share reps at left end as the replacements for Charles Grant, who was released after the season. Wilkerson is recovering from mid-January surgery to repair an ACL tear. He's expected to be cleared to practice in August. Brown, who spent the first eight seasons of his career with the Bears, isn't flashy, but he's stout vs. the run and has had at least six sacks in five of the past six seasons. Bobby McCray has starting experience and filled in for Grant during the postseason. He's an aggressive player who brings some nastiness to the field. Teams will test him by running the ball to his side. McCray fits best as a pass-rush specialist. He has a quick first step and relies on speed to win battles. DT Sedrick Ellis has yet to prove he was worthy of being selected with the seventh overall pick in '08, and injuries have nagged him in each of this first two seasons. Ellis is short and built like a house with a strong foundation and plenty of upper-body strength. He hasn't been able to rag-doll defenders and collapse the pocket with the consistency he did at USC, but he plays with high effort and is disruptive at times. DT Remi Ayodele, who started on a regular basis for the first time in '09, will play opposite Ellis at nose tackle. Ayodele worked on his lower-body strength in the offseason, which could help him become stouter vs. the run. Anthony Hargrove, who has overcome drug addiction, will be involved in the rotation at tackle and is versatile enough to rush off the edge as well.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Patrick Robinson	CB	Florida State	32
2	Charles Brown	OT	USC	64
3	Jimmy Graham	TE	Miami (Fla.)	95
4	Al Woods	DT	LSU	123
5	Matt Tennant	C	Boston College	158
7	Sean Canfield	QB	Oregon State	239

P. ROBINSON

LINEBACKERS

The Saints' run defense was poor for much of last season, and the linebackers' struggles to fight off blockers were a contributing factor to the problem. MLB Jonathan Vilma is adept at dropping into coverage and getting his arms into passing lanes. He's developed sound instincts over the years. He flows fast and puts himself in position to make plays, although some say his tackling appeared to drop off a bit last season. Scott Shanle mans the weak side. He's tough and doesn't miss many tackles, but he isn't athletic and struggles to get pressure when sent on a blitz. The strong side was vacated by Scott Fujita, who was highly respected by teammates, in the offseason. He left for the Browns in free agency. Jo-Lonn Dunbar filled in at the spot when Fujita missed games because of injuries last season, so he should get a chance to fill the void. Dunbar lacks the size and length that made Fujita disruptive, but he has decent short-area quickness and works hard. A young group that includes Jonathan Casillas, Stanley Arnoux and Troy Evans will compete with Dunbar.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

New Orleans' secondary improved greatly last season and has become one of the deepest position groups on the team. CB Jabari Greer starts on the left side of the field, while CB Tracy Porter is stationed at the right side. Greer was one of the most valuable additions to the Saints' roster last year. He is capable of shutting down a receiver and rarely allows one to slip through and beat him deep. Greer can play man-to-man and has good ball skills. Porter needs to become more

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**12 COLSTON**	17 Meachem	87 Arrington
OLT	**70 J. BROWN**	74 Bushrod	71 Ch. Brown*
OLG	**77 NICKS**		
C	**76 GOODWIN**	60 Leckey	65 Tennant*
ORG	**73 J. EVANS**	72 Duckworth	
ORT	**78 STINCHCOMB**	64 Strief	
TE	**88 SHOCKEY**	85 D. Thomas	80 Graham*
WR	**19 HENDERSON**	16 Moore	15 Roby
QB	**9 BREES**	10 Daniel	4 Canfield*
RB	**23 P. THOMAS**	25 Bush	30 L. Hamilton
FB	**44 H. EVANS**	46 Mailei	45 Keasey
DEFENSE			
DLE	**96 A. BROWN**	93 McCray	99 Wilkerson
NT	**92 AYODELE**	94 Woods*	90 Pressley
DT	**98 ELLIS**	69 Hargrove	
DRE	**91 SMITH**	97 Charleston	
SLB	**56 DUNBAR**	54 T. Evans	53 Arnoux
MLB	**51 VILMA**	50 Mitchell	
WLB	**58 SHANLE**	59 Waters	52 Casillas
LCB	**33 GREER**	27 Jenkins	34 Robinson*
RCB	**22 PORTER**	20 Gay	24 Torrence
SS	**41 ROM. HARPER**	39 Reis	31 Prioleau
FS	**28 U. YOUNG**	27 Jenkins	21 Vaughn
SPECIALISTS			
P	**6 MORSTEAD**		
PK	**5 HARTLEY**		
H	**6 MORSTEAD**		
PR	**25 BUSH**	19 Henderson	
KR	**15 ROBY**	17 Meachem	
LS	**57 KYLE**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Dennis Allen, *secondary*; Adam Bailey, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Pete Carmichael Jr., *offensive coordinator*; Mike Cerullo, *assistant*; Dan Dalrymple, *head strength and conditioning*; Brett Ingalls, *running backs*; Bill Johnson, *defensive line*; Curtis Johnson, *wide receivers*; Travis Jones, *asst. defensive line*; Aaron Kromer, *offensive line/running game*; Joe Lombardi, *quarterbacks*; Mike Mallory, *asst. special teams*; Terry Malone, *tight ends*; Greg McMahon, *special-teams coordinator*; Tony Oden, *asst. secondary*; Sean Payton, *head coach*; Carter Sheridan, *offensive assistant/ asst. player programs*; Joe Vitt, *asst. head coach/linebackers*; Blake Williams, *coaching assistant*; Gregg Williams, *defensive coordinator*; Blake Williams, *assistant*.

consistent, but he has the potential to develop into a reliable cover corner. He's not as physical as Greer and missed significant time because of injuries in each of his first two seasons. Randall Gay, rookie Patrick Robinson and Malcolm Jenkins could be involved in nickel and dime packages, if Jenkins isn't moved to free safety. Robinson, the team's first-round pick, is gifted athletically. His ceiling is high. SS Roman Harper showed a wider range of his skills as he was used more as a blitzer in Gregg Williams' defense. Pads will pop when Harper is on the field. He can be a liability in coverage, but he steps up and uncoils on ballcarriers. Harper is an asset inside the box vs. the run. The starter at free safety has yet to be determined. Jenkins and Usama Young could be considered for the job.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK Garrett Hartley sealed his place in Saints' history by making the game-winning field goal in overtime in last season's NFC championship game. Hartley has adequate leg strength to make kicks from inside 45 yards or so. He's been very accurate, connecting on 27-of-29 career field-goal attempts, including the postseason. P Thomas Morstead also kicks off. He showed maturity and poise as a rookie. Morstead has good size and typically gets enough air under his kicks to give coverage teams a chance to get downfield. Courtney Roby is a talented kickoff returner with the potential to take one all the way back. Reggie Bush only gained 4.8 yards per punt return last season, but he's dangerous when he touches the ball with space in front of him.

SUMMARY

The Saints are not looking to end the party anytime soon. They lost some key pieces, mainly on defense, from last year's Super Bowl team in the offseason, but the window for success has not shut on the Saints. Their offense should still be tough to stop and defensive coordinator Gregg Williams seems to have a knack for getting the most out of his players. New Orleans is built to make another run at a postseason berth.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
53	Arnoux, Stanley	LB	6-0	232	2	Wake Forest	0/0
87	Arrington, Adrian	WR	6-3	192	2	Michigan	0/0
92	Ayodele, Remi	DT	6-2	318	4	Oklahoma	15/13
49	Beauchamp, Jason	OLB	6-3	244	R	UNLV	
18	Bell, Chris	WR	6-2	211	R	Norfolk State	
9	Brees, Drew	QB	6-0	209	10	Purdue	15/15
96	Brown, Alex	DE	6-3	260	9	Florida	16/16
40	Brown, Carlos	RB	6-0	212	R	Michigan	
71	Brown, Charles	OT	6-5	292	R	USC	
70	Brown, Jammal (RFA)	OT	6-6	313	6	Oklahoma	0/0
25	Bush, Reggie	RB	6-0	203	5	USC	14/8
74	Bushrod, Jermon	OT	6-5	315	4	Towson	15/14
4	Canfield, Sean	QB	6-4	221	R	Oregon State	
61	Carter, Brandon	OG	6-6	319	R	Texas Tech	
52	Casillas, Jonathan	LB	6-1	227	2	Wisconsin	11/2
97	Charleston, Jeff	DE	6-4	265	4	Idaho State	16/0
55	Coleman, Harry	LB	6-2	212	R	LSU	
12	Colston, Marques	WR	6-4	225	5	Hofstra	16/14
10	Daniel, Chase	QB	6-0	225	2	Missouri	0/0
72	Duckworth, Tim	OG	6-4	318	1	Auburn	0/0
43	Ducré, Christian	RB	5-11	225	R	Mississippi State	
56	Dunbar, Jo-Lonn	LB	6-0	226	3	Boston College	9/3
98	Ellis, Sedrick	DT	6-1	307	3	USC	10/10
44	Evans, Heath	FB	6-0	250	10	Auburn	6/5
73	Evans, Jahri (RFA)	OG	6-4	318	5	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	16/16
54	Evans, Troy	LB	6-3	238	9	Cincinnati	16/2
38	Fassitt, Greg	CB	5-11	186	1	Grambling State	1/0
75	Galette, Junior	DE	6-2	258	R	Stillman (Ala.)	
20	Gay, Randall	CB	5-11	190	7	LSU	14/7
75	Goddard, Na'Shan	OG-OT	6-5	315	2	South Carolina	0/0
76	Goodwin, Jonathan	C	6-3	318	9	Michigan	16/16
80	Graham, Jimmy	TE	6-6	259	R	Miami (Fla.)	
33	Greer, Jabari	CB	5-11	180	7	Tennessee	9/8
47	Gresham, Clint	LS	6-3	238	R	TCU	
30	Hamilton, Lynell	RB	6-0	235	2	San Diego State	9/1
37	Hamilton, Ryan	S	6-1	206	R	Vanderbilt	
69	Hargrove, Anthony	DT	6-3	272	6	Georgia Tech	16/6
13	Harper, Rod	WR	6-0	209	2	Murray State	0/0
41	Harper, Roman (RFA)	S	6-1	200	5	Alabama	16/16
5	Hartley, Garrett	PK	5-8	196	3	Oklahoma	5/0
19	Henderson, Devery	WR	5-11	200	7	LSU	16/11
66	Heyman, Earl	DT	6-1	289	1	Louisville	0/0
84	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6-2	255	4	Central Michigan	1/0
21	Ivory, Chris	RB	6-0	222	R	Tiffin (Ohio)	
27	Jenkins, Malcolm	CB	6-0	204	2	Ohio State	14/6
35	Jones, Reggie	CB	6-0	193	2	Portland State	0/0
45	Keasey, Zak	FB	6-0	235	3	Princeton	0/0
57	Kyle, Jason	LS	6-3	242	16	Arizona State	16/0
60	Leckey, Nick	C	6-3	291	7	Kansas State	8/0
95	Leisle, Rodney	DT	6-3	315	4	UCLA	1/0
82	Lorenzen, Tyler	TE	6-5	229	1	Connecticut	0/0
46	Mailei, Marcus	FB	6-0	255	2	Weber State	2/0
93	McCray, Bobby	DE	6-6	260	7	Florida	16/0
17	Meachem, Robert	WR	6-2	210	4	Tennessee	16/7
50	Mitchell, Marvin	LB	6-3	249	4	Tennessee	14/2
16	Moore, Lance (RFA)	WR	5-9	190	5	Toledo	7/0
6	Morstead, Thomas	P	6-4	225	2	Southern Methodist	16/0
77	Nicks, Carl	OG	6-5	343	3	Nebraska	16/16
79	Parnell, Jermey	OT	6-6	278	1	Mississippi	0/0
22	Porter, Tracy	CB	5-11	186	3	Indiana	12/11
90	Pressley, DeMario	DT	6-3	301	3	North Carolina State	7/0
31	Prioleau, Pierson	S	5-11	188	12	Virginia Tech	16/1
39	Reis, Chris	S	6-1	215	4	Georgia Tech	15/1
34	Robinson, Patrick	CB	5-11	190	R	Florida State	
15	Roby, Courtney	WR	6-0	189	5	Indiana	15/0
68	Ross, Jay	DT	6-3	302	R	East Carolina	
58	Shanle, Scott	LB	6-2	245	8	Nebraska	14/14
70	Sharpe, Brandon	DE	6-2	254	R	Texas Tech	
29	Sharpe, Glenn	CB	6-0	184	1	Miami (Fla.)	0/0
88	Shockey, Jeremy	TE	6-5	251	9	Miami (Fla.)	13/12
81	Simon, Matt	WR	6-1	199	1	Northern Illinois	0/0
91	Smith, Will	DE	6-3	282	7	Ohio State	16/16
78	Stinchcomb, Jon	OT	6-5	315	8	Georgia	16/16
64	Strief, Zach	OT	6-7	320	5	Northwestern	16/2
65	Tennant, Matt	C	6-5	290	R	Boston College	
85	Thomas, David	TE	6-3	248	5	Texas	15/8
23	Thomas, Pierre (RFA)	RB	5-11	215	4	Illinois	14/6
62	Tonga, Joe	OG	6-4	313	R	Indiana (Pa.)	
24	Torrence, Leigh	CB	5-11	179	5	Stanford	5/0
21	Vaughn, Chip	S	6-2	221	2	Wake Forest	0/0
51	Vilma, Jonathan	LB	6-1	230	7	Miami (Fla.)	15/15
59	Waters, Anthony	LB	6-3	238	4	Clemson	3/0
99	Wilkerson, Jimmy	DE	6-2	270	8	Oklahoma	15/15
94	Woods, Al	DT	6-4	314	R	LSU	
32	Young, Marcell	CB	6-0	183	R	Jackson State	
28	Young, Usama	S	6-0	200	4	Kent State	12/1

3 CAROLINA Panthers

2010 PREDICTION: 6-10 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 8-8 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

J. FOX

HEAD COACH: John Fox
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Jeff Davidson
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Ron Meeks
OWNER: Jerry Richardson
STADIUM: Bank of America | **CAPACITY:** 73,778
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.panthers.com

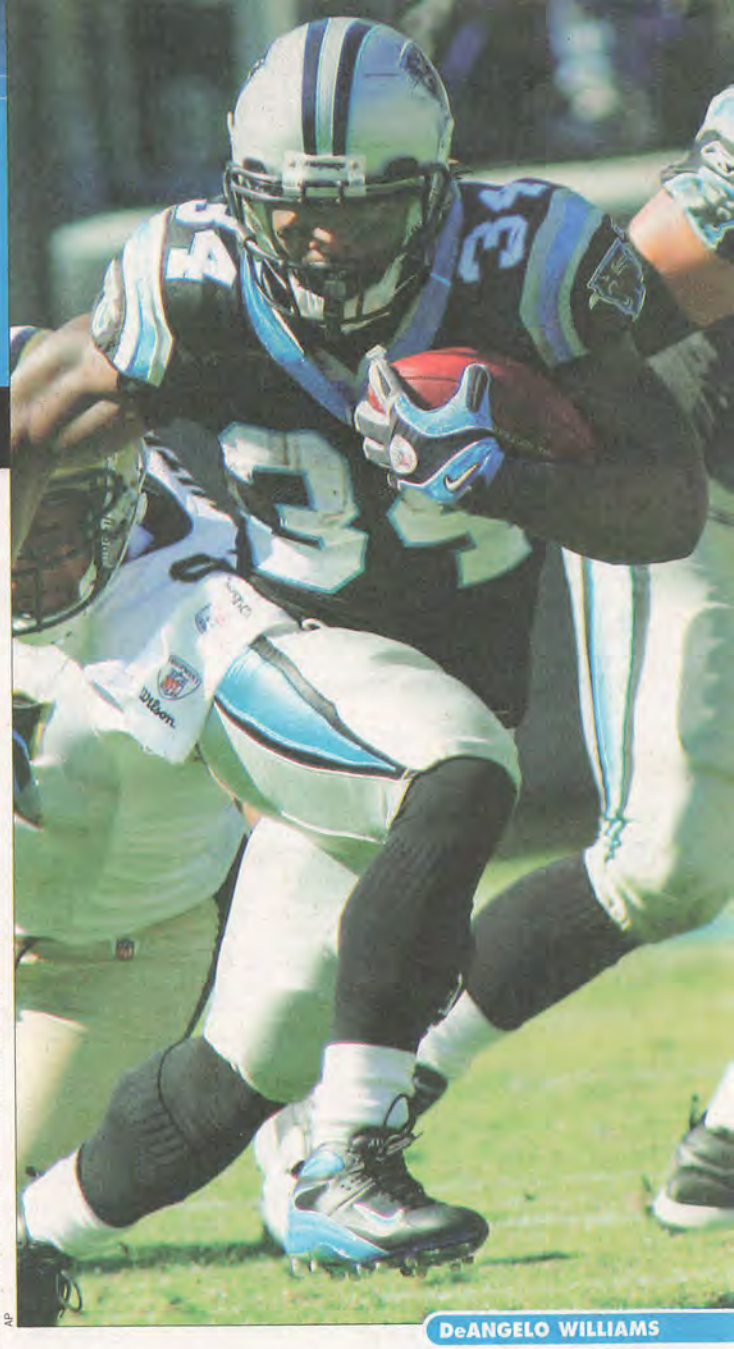
It wasn't the standard route for a head coach heading into his contract year, but John Fox has never been one for doing what's popular. After salvaging a rough season by winning three in a row to close out 2009, the Panthers lost one of the most talented defensive players in the league in free agency, cut the former face of the franchise and didn't add any free agents of note.

If there was a sense of urgency to win immediately, Fox and GM Marty Hurney, who also could be on the hot seat, weren't going to show it by lavishing free agents with money in an uncapped year.

Gone is Julius Peppers, who was granted his wish to become a free agent and left to sign with the Bears. Jake Delhomme, who led the team to its only Super Bowl appearance six years ago, and several other veterans on the decline were released in March.

Fourth-year veteran Matt Moore is the new starting quarterback, although rookie Jimmy Clausen is waiting in the wings, and several other young players will find themselves playing more significant roles in 2010.

The Panthers are a team in transition cloaked in a bit of uncertainty. Where they are headed is difficult to pinpoint, and, for a coach that wants his players to focus on what's directly in front of them, questions about Fox's future with the team beyond '10 could be hard to avoid throughout the season.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DeANGELO WILLIAMS

OFFENSE

The Panthers' offense was often one-dimensional and prone to turnovers with Jake Delhomme at the helm last season. While it is still a unit that relies predominantly on the ground game, Carolina's offense should be less erratic with Matt Moore under center. The team still is without a proven complement for Steve Smith in the receiving corps, so coordinator Jeff Davidson has little choice but to feature RBs DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart. The Panthers have a big, powerful offensive line that leads the straight-ahead rushing attack.

QUARTERBACKS

It was a difficult decision that left both Jake Delhomme and John Fox in tears, but the Panthers decided to cut ties with Delhomme and make Matt Moore the starter. Moore, who, like Delhomme, went undrafted, had a 4-1 record as the starter in 2009 and compiled a touchdown-interception ratio of 8-2. He has enough arm strength, but can't fire a rocket and the ball sails on him at times. Wise decision making is perhaps the most important attribute Moore possesses, and it's refreshing for the team after watching Delhomme struggle to protect the ball. Moore can slide to avoid the rush and will get rid of the ball quickly to avoid taking sacks. While the job is his for now, Moore is playing on a one-year tender

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

S Aaron Francisco, DT Ed Johnson, LB Jamar Williams.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

QB Jake Delhomme, OLB Na'il Diggs, S Chris Harris, FB Brad Hoover, LB Landon Johnson, DT Maake Kemoeatu, DT Damione Lewis, PK Rhys Lloyd, DE Julius Peppers.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Jonathan Stewart

DEFENSIVE MVP
MLB Jon Beason

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
DE Everette Brown

POSITION BATTLE
No. 2 WR: Open competition

J. STEWART

J. BEASON

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C-	A-	C-	A	C-	B	B	C-

and still needs to prove he can be consistent over a full season. He'll be backed up by second-round pick Jimmy Clausen. The Notre Dame product was tagged as too arrogant by some evaluators, but he's tough and has the potential to be the best quarterback from his draft class. Carolina drafted another signalcaller, Tony Pike, in the sixth round. He could develop into a decent backup.

RUNNING BACKS

There were rumors that the Panthers were interested in trading one of their running backs this offseason, but head coach John Fox knocked those down. Carolina splits carries between DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart, and it's one of the most effective 1-2 punches in the league. Williams received substantially more carries when Stewart was a rookie in 2008, but Stewart received his first lengthy stint as the featured back late last season when Williams was out with an injury and made the most of the opportunity. Stewart is built like a boulder and will plow defenders over if they don't wrap him up. He has played through pain and is tough. Williams is the speedier back and is more likely to make highlight-reel plays by using a bevy of moves than knocking a defender over. He became more committed before the '08 season and has yet to look back. Williams has outstanding vision and short-area quickness. Neither back is involved much as a receiver. RB Mike Goodson is looking to carve out a niche in his second season. Goodson has an elite combination of speed and quickness. He has to prove he'll take care of the ball before Fox gives him a chance in a game situation. Tony Fiammetta will replace Brad Hoover as the team's fullback. Fiammetta is a hardworking weight-room warrior, but he's still adjusting to the pro level and has the tough task of taking over for Hoover, who was a longtime staple.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at N.Y. Giants	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Seattle	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Arizona	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	at Pittsburgh	8:20 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Carolina

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Philadelphia	(+2.5)	10-38
Sept. 20	At Atlanta	(+6)	20-28
Sept. 28	At Dallas	(+8.5)	7-21
Oct. 4	BYE		
Oct. 11	Washington	(-4.5)	20-17
Oct. 18	At Tampa Bay	(-3)	28-21
Oct. 25	Buffalo	(-7)	9-20
Nov. 1	At Arizona	(+9.5)	34-21
Nov. 8	At New Orleans	(+11.5)	20-30
Nov. 15	Atlanta	(+1.5)	28-19
Nov. 19	Miami	(-3.5)	17-24
Nov. 29	At New York Jets	(+3)	6-17
Dec. 6	Tampa Bay	(-4)	16-6
Dec. 13	At New England	(+13)	10-20
Dec. 20	Minnesota	(+8.5)	26-7
Dec. 27	At New York Giants	(+8.5)	41-9
Jan. 3	New Orleans	(-10)	23-10

RECEIVERS

The Panthers' search for a complementary receiver to pair with Steve Smith has gone on for several years and has not been fruitful. Smith is an aggressive, physical target who plays hard, but he hasn't been utilized to his full potential over the past few seasons, as Carolina's QB play has been poor for much of that stretch. He runs crisp routes and has the speed and moves to make big plays. He's a shorter target, though. After Smith, the Panthers have an unproven collection of receivers. Dwayne Jarrett could have a chance to become the No. 2 target, but he has yet to show he can fill that role and his future with the team is in doubt. Carolina drafted WRs Brandon LaFell, Armanti Edwards and David Gettis. LaFell has the size and length to create mismatches. Edwards played quarterback in college and has the potential to become a dynamic slot receiver. Gettis has an intriguing combination of size, speed and athleticism. Kenny Moore also will have a chance to become more involved. He's not a deep threat, but he could become an asset in the short passing game. Dexter Jackson, a former second-round pick who was cast aside by the Buccaneers in 2009, might get a shot to earn a spot as a slot receiver. The Panthers use TE Jeff King almost exclusively as a blocker. TEs Dante Rosario and Gary Barnidge are big targets who could be more involved as receivers in '10.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is one of the strongest position groups on the team, and some of its younger members received some valuable experience thanks to injuries last season. Ryan Kalil has established himself as one of the best run-blocking centers in the league, and he's only 25. Kalil is quick off the ball, and he's one of the most athletic players at the position. He doesn't have ideal arm length. Kalil rarely lets someone get past him. OLT Jordan Gross patrols the edge. He landed on injured reserve for the first time in his career when he broke his right tibia and fibula in November, but he's expected to be prepared for training camp. Gross has quick hands and maintains his balance. He's not the nastiest, strongest or most agile tackle, but he's technically sound and doesn't make many mistakes. Jeff Otah is a masher at right tackle. He's a much better run blocker than pass protector, which is why he plays on the right side, but he continues to improve in both facets. OLG Travelle Wharton is versatile and stops defenders in their tracks with a powerful initial punch. He's thickly built. Mackenzy Bernadeau is expected to play right guard after getting seven starts last year. Bernadeau needs to improve as a run blocker, and he has the physical tools to do so. OLT Geoff Schwartz is a decent backup who played well in a brief starting stint in 2009.

DEFENSE

Carolina relies on its front four to pressure the quarterback, but without Julius Peppers, there is doubt about just how effective the defensive line will be when it comes to disrupting pass attempts. Coordinator Ron Meeks, who is heading into his second season with the team, runs a fairly standard variation of the cover-2. Carolina isn't as sizable as it once was on the interior D-line, as Meeks is working with a fairly unimpressive collection of tackles.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The defensive line will look much different this season. Second-year veteran Everette Brown will move into the lineup as Julius Peppers' replace-

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**PHIL.**	**@ATL.**	**@DALL.**	**WASH.**	**@T.B.**	**BUFF.**	**@ARIZ.**	**@N.O.**	**ATL.**	**MIA.**	**@N.Y.J.**	**T.B.**	**@N.E.**	**MINN.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**N.O.**	
Score	10-38	20-28	7-21	20-17	28-21	9-20	34-21	20-30	28-19	17-24	6-17	16-6	10-20	26-7	41-9	23-10	
Total net yards	169	440	271	248	322	425	355	371	380	383	179	309	305	397	416	327	5297
Rushing yards	86	144	73	86	267	116	270	182	185	182	75	157	126	124	247	178	2498
Passing yards	83	296	198	162	55	309	85	189	195	201	104	152	179	273	169	149	2799
Rushing plays	30	25	16	32	48	25	44	39	34	27	25	33	24	40	46	37	525
Sacks allowed	5	1	3	3	1	2	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	2	1	2	33
Had intercepted	5	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	20
Fumbles lost	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Yards penalized	30	35	60	27	30	67	72	37	48	35	30	37	92	49	20	29	698
Punts	4	2	6	4	3	6	6	3	4	5	5	5	7	7	2	8	77

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	31:37	31:32	37:04	28:43	27:39	25:20	27:02	27:34	31:51	30:33	33:18	31:04	34:15	22:01	27:44	29:22	29:47
Total net yards	267	371	449	198	245	167	320	414	400	326	283	469	377	237	317	213	5053
Rushing yards	185	151	212	74	124	53	94	84	176	154	139	154	185	41	60	111	1997
Passing yards	82	220	237	124	121	114	226	330	224	172	144	315	192	196	257	102	3056
Rushing plays	32	37	32	24	25	30	17	23	29	31	39	26	40	14	19	32	450
Sacks allowed	2	0	2	5	4	2	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	4	4	0	31
Had intercepted	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	2	0	1	5	1	1	2	1	22
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	15
Yards penalized	76	40	80	20	40	22	35	55	26	30	24	50	25	45	29	35	632
Punts	4	3	5	5	4	8	4	3	2	6	5	2	3	8	3	9	74

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Delhomme	2-9-0		2-10-0	3-7-0	1-5-0		1-7-0	2-(-6)-0	4-11-0	2-17-0							17-60-0
Goodson	2-1-0					2-2-0									5-2-0	13-44-0	22-49-0
Hoover				1-0-0			1-2-0						1-2-0	1-1-0	9-37-1	7-10-0	20-52-1
M. Moore							1-(-1)-0					1-(-1)-0		5-(-2)-0	4-2-0	1-(-1)-0	12-(-3)-0
Stewart	11-35-0	9-65-0	3-(-1)-0	10-39-1	17-110-1	7-25-0	17-87-2	13-24-0	11-82-2	12-43-0	9-35-0	26-120-1	7-29-0	25-109-1	28-206-1	16-125-1	221-1133-10
Sutton								3-15-0				6-38-0	1-6-0	2-9-0			12-68-0
D. Williams	14-37-1	16-79-1	11-64-0	18-40-0	30-152-2	16-89-1	23-158-0	21-149-2	19-92-0	13-122-0	16-40-0		13-82-0	6-13-0			216-1117-7

PASSING **

Delhomme	7-17-4 73-0	25-41-1 308-1	22-33-2 220-1	16-25-1 181-1	9-17-2 65-1	27-44-3 325-0	7-14-0 90-1	17-30-0 201-0	15-24-0 195-2	19-42-1 227-1	14-34-4 130-0						178-321-18 2015-8
M. Moore	6-11-1 63-0						0-1-0 0-0					14-20-1 161-0	15-30-0 197-1	21-33-0 299-3	15-20-0 171-3	14-23-0 162-1	85-138-2 1053-8

RECEIVING

Barnidge						3-77-0	1-7-0	3-46-0		2-46-0	1-4-0		1-7-0	1-55-0			12-242-0
Hoover											1-4-0			1-1-1	1-12-0	1-6-0	4-23-1
Jarrett		1-9-0	1-10-0			1-7-0	2-22-0	4-30-0	1-7-0		2-43-0					5-68-1	17-196-1
King	1-2-0	2-38-0	2-17-0	2-30-1	2-8-1	3-23-0	1-5-0		2-22-0			3-17-0	2-16-0	3-17-0	1-2-1	1-3-0	25-200-3
Muhammad	4-41-0	4-47-0	6-51-0	5-39-0	3-27-0	2-14-0			6-91-0	3-27-0	1-2-0	4-43-0	3-29-0	2-29-0	3-56-1	7-85-0	53-581-1
Rosario		3-31-1	3-58-1	1-22-0	1-6-0	3-35-0			1-11-0	4-40-0	4-62-0	2-11-0	3-26-0	1-11-0			26-313-2
S. Smith	3-21-0	8-131-0	4-38-0	5-65-0	1-4-0	6-99-0	3-56-1	4-64-0	4-34-2	7-87-1	1-5-0	3-78-0	2-83-1	9-157-1	5-60-1		65-982-7
Stewart	2-32-0	3-14-0	2-17-0	1-6-0		4-20-0		1-14-0				1-6-0		2-14-1	2-16-0		18-139-1
D. Williams	4-42-0	3-32-0	2-10-0	2-19-0	2-20-0	5-50-0		2-12-0	1-30-0	1-9-0	4-10-0		2-15-0	1-3-0			29-252-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

ment. The Panthers traded a 2010 first-round pick to move up in the second round of '09 to select him, so expectations are high for Brown. He played mostly as a situational pass rusher as a rookie and will be asked to defend the run more in '10, which could be a difficult task for him. He's a natural pass rusher and can beat blockers with a quick first step or a spin move. Tyler Brayton is a run-defending end who has moved inside to tackle in passing situations. He's a tough, high-motor player, but he isn't all that athletic. Charles Johnson, who is undersized, will be involved in the rotation at end. He plays with a lot of energy, but larger players can contain him. Fourth-round pick Eric Norwood and sixth-rounder Greg Hardy could become situational pass rushers off the edge. Norwood could also take snaps at linebacker. Tank Tyler, Ed Johnson and Louis Leonard will be amongst those taking snaps at tackle. Johnson's career has suffered because of off-field issues, but he's a proven run stopper whom Ron Meeks coached while in Indianapolis. Tyler looks like a Pro Bowler in the weight room, but he has yet to play to that level on the field. Leonard is a space eater and impressed coaches before breaking his ankle early last season.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
2	Jimmy Clausen	QB	Notre Dame	48
3	Brandon LaFell	WR	LSU	78
3	Armanti Edwards	WR	Appalachian State	89
4	Eric Norwood	OLB-DE	South Carolina	124
6	Greg Hardy	DE	Mississippi	175
6	David Gettis	WR	Baylor	198
6	Jordan Pugh	CB	Texas A&M	202
6	Tony Pike	QB	Cincinnati	204
7	R.J. Stanford	CB	Utah	223
7	Robert McClain	CB	Connecticut	249

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LINEBACKERS

Jon Beason is one of the best middle 'backers in the NFC, and he'll be charged with leading a group that features a new starter on the strong side. Beason wreaks havoc from his spot. He doesn't get many opportunities to go after the quarterback, as the Panthers don't blitz much, but he's a quick, muscular force vs. the run with good range and short-area burst. He's not as strong vs. the pass, although he has collected three interceptions in back-to-back seasons. James Anderson, Dan Connor and Jamar Williams are in the mix to replace Na'il Diggs on the strong side. Anderson has good speed and could play in the nickel package. He isn't a striker, but he moves sideline-to-sideline with ease and is quick. Connor moves downhill well and brings the pop to take on blocks, but he lacks bulk, which puts him at a disadvantage in some matchups. Williams was never a full-time starter in Chicago. He has the tools to become a serviceable one, though. WLB Thomas Davis was having a Pro Bowl season in 2009 before tearing the ACL in his right knee in Week Nine and is one of the most valuable members of Carolina's "D." Davis flows to the ball quickly and is becoming much more aggressive and aware as he enters his third season on the weak side after moving over from the strong side.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The DBs could be asked to cover their man for longer periods this season if the pass rush struggles without Julius Peppers. Carolina does have a reliable, athletic pair of corners in Chris Gamble and Richard Marshall. Gamble, who is considered the No. 1 corner, will challenge receivers at the line of scrimmage and has enough speed to recover. He's fluid in his pedal and has good ball skills. Marshall is a bit shorter than Gamble, but he's the faster of the two. He's an asset in run support and is quick out of his breaks. Captain Munnerlyn, a smallish, well-built second-year pro, could see snaps as the nickel back. Rookie CBs Jordan Pugh and R.J. Stanford add depth and will battle for spots on special teams. Charles

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	89 SMITH	10 Edwards*	81 K. Moore
OLT	69 GROSS	74 Schwartz	
OLG	70 WHARTON	65 G. Williams	
C	67 KALIL		
ORG	73 BERNADEAU	72 Robinson	
ORT	79 OTAH		
TE	47 KING	82 Barnidge	88 Rosario
WR	80 JARRETT	11 LaFell*	12 Gettis*
QB	3 M. MOORE	2 Clausen*	16 Pike*
RB	34 D. WILLIAMS	28 Stewart	33 Goodson
FB	42 FIAMMETTA		
DEFENSE			
DLE	96 BRAYTON	95 C. Johnson	76 Hardy*
DLT	94 LEONARD	98 Hayden	60 Irvin
DRT	93 TYLER	99 E. Johnson	
DRE	91 BROWN	97 Taylor	92 Norwood*
SLB	55 CONNOR	50 Anderson	53 J. Williams
MLB	52 BEASON		
WLB	58 T. DAVIS	57 Senn	
LCB	20 GAMBLE	41 Munnerlyn	29 Pugh*
RCB	31 MARSHALL	27 Wilson	35 Stanford*
SS	23 MARTIN	21 Francisco	
FS	30 GODFREY	25 Hudson	
SPECIALISTS			
P	7 BAKER		
PK	4 KASAY	5 Carter	
H	7 BAKER		
PR	41 MUNNERLYN	10 Edwards*	
KR	33 GOODSON	10 Edwards*	
LS	44 JANSEN		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Brian Baker, *defensive line*; Geep Chryst, *tight ends/quality control-offense*; Jeff Davidson, *offensive coordinator*; John Fox, *head coach*; Sam Garnes, *special-teams assistant*; Mike Gillhamer, *secondary*; David Magazu, *offensive line*; Ron Meeks, *defensive coordinator*; Sam Mills III, *quality control-defense*; Ron Milus, *secondary*; Jeff Rodgers, *special-teams coordinator*; Rip Scherer, *quarterbacks*; Jerry Simmons, *strength and conditioning*; Jim Skipper, *asst. head coach/running backs*; Richard Smith, *linebackers*; Tyke Tolbert, *wide receivers*.

Godfrey will return as a starting safety, and second-year veteran Sherrod Martin, who played well filling in for the injured Godfrey last season, will take over the other starting safety spot. Godfrey has the potential and size-speed combination to become a fine player. He has yet to put it all together, though, and shows tightness in his hips. Martin has range and is quick snapping out of his breaks. He's not a sure tackler. Marcus Hudson and Aaron Francisco are top backups at safety and will chip in on special teams.

SPECIAL TEAMS

After ranking among the league's worst in kickoff-return average (31st), opponents' kickoff-return average (30th) and opponents' punt-return average (29th), Carolina opted to fire Danny Crossman. The new special-teams coordinator is Jeff Rodgers, who was promoted from an assistant's role. That's not the only change on special teams, though, as Todd Carter will get a chance to replace Rhys Lloyd, who departed in free agency, on kickoffs. Carter has a strong leg, but Carolina could miss Lloyd, who led the league in touchbacks (51) over the past two seasons. P Jason Baker, who has a stronger leg than 40-year-old PK John Kasay, will handle kickoffs if Carter doesn't make the team. Kasay is still reliable on field-goal attempts and hasn't missed more than five in a season since 2005. Captain Munnerlyn will return punts again after doing so as a rookie in '09. His top-end speed makes him dangerous. Mike Goodson, another turf burner, likely will return kickoffs.

SUMMARY

The Panthers have bounced back from disappointing seasons before under John Fox, and they're certainly capable of doing so again in a division where few teams stay at the bottom or the top for long. However, it also might take time for the team to mesh with several younger players moving into starting roles. Fox is coaching for his next contract and could become a hot commodity in 2011 if he opts to explore opportunities with other teams.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
50	Anderson, James	LB	6-2	235	5	Virginia Tech	16/7
7	Baker, Jason	P	6-2	205	10	Iowa	16/0
82	Barnidge, Gary	TE	6-5	247	3	Louisville	16/3
52	Beason, Jon	LB	6-0	237	4	Miami (Fla.)	16/16
73	Bernadeau, Mackenzy	OG	6-4	308	3	Bentley (Mass.)	16/7
96	Brayton, Tyler	DE	6-6	280	8	Colorado	15/15
91	Brown, Everette	DE	6-1	256	2	Florida State	15/1
14	Cantwell, Hunter	QB	6-4	236	1	Louisville	0/0
5	Carter, Todd	PK	6-1	190	1	Grand Valley State	0/0
2	Clausen, Jimmy	QB	6-2	222	R	Notre Dame	
55	Connor, Dan	LB	6-2	231	3	Penn State	16/0
56	Culberson, Quinton	LB	6-1	236	4	Mississippi State	6/0
71	Davis, C.J.	OG	6-2	308	2	Pittsburgh	0/0
58	Davis, Thomas (RFA)	LB	6-0	240	6	Georgia	7/7
10	Edwards, Armanti	WR	5-11	182	R	Appalachian State	
42	Fiammetta, Tony	FB	6-0	242	2	Syracuse	10/2
21	Francisco, Aaron	S	6-2	207	6	Brigham Young	10/2
77	Franklin, Noah	OG	6-5	313	R	Oklahoma State	
20	Gamble, Chris	CB	6-1	200	7	Ohio State	16/16
85	George, Andrew	TE	6-4	247	R	Brigham Young	
12	Gettis, David	WR	6-3	216	R	Baylor	
30	Godfrey, Charles	S	5-11	205	3	Iowa	12/11
33	Goodson, Mike	RB	6-0	212	2	Texas A&M	8/0
78	Gregory, Kurtis	OG	6-4	308	R	Missouri	
69	Gross, Jordan	OT	6-4	305	8	Utah	9/9
76	Hardy, Greg	DE	6-4	277	R	Mississippi	
8	Haudan, Blake	P	6-0	220	R	Minnesota	
98	Hayden, Nick	DT	6-4	292	2	Wisconsin	10/2
62	Hisatake, Ray	OG	6-3	305	R	Hawaii	
25	Hudson, Marcus	S	6-2	200	5	North Carolina State	12/0
60	Irvin, Corvey	DT	6-3	302	1	Georgia	0/0
54	Ivy, Mortty	LB	6-1	239	2	West Virginia	0/0
19	Jackson, Dexter	WR	5-9	182	2	Appalachian State	0/0
38	Jackson, Rashawn	FB	6-1	239	R	Virginia	
44	Jansen, J.J.	LS	6-2	256	3	Notre Dame	16/0
80	Jarrett, Dwayne	WR	6-4	219	4	USC	13/2
95	Johnson, Charles	DE	6-2	275	4	Georgia	13/2
99	Johnson, Ed	DT	6-2	296	3	Penn State	4/4
63	Justice, Steve	C	6-3	293	2	Wake Forest	0/0
67	Kalil, Ryan	C	6-2	295	4	USC	16/16
4	Kasay, John	PK	5-10	210	20	Georgia	16/0
47	King, Jeff	TE	6-3	260	5	Virginia Tech	16/15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-2	211	R	LSU	
61	Landri, Derek	DT	6-2	290	4	Notre Dame	7/0
94	Leonard, Louis	DT	6-4	325	4	Fresno State	2/1
31	Marshall, Richard (RFA)	CB	5-11	189	5	Fresno State	16/16
83	Martin, Charly	WR	6-1	212	2	West Texas A&M	7/0
23	Martin, Sherrod	S-CB	6-1	198	2	Troy	16/5
36	McClain, Robert	CB	5-9	195	R	Connecticut	
66	Moore, Eric	DE	6-4	268	5	Florida State	0/0
81	Moore, Kenneth	WR	5-11	195	3	Wake Forest	12/1
3	Moore, Matt	QB	6-3	202	4	Oregon State	7/5
41	Munnerlyn, Captain	CB	5-8	186	2	South Carolina	15/4
68	Neblett, Andre	DT	6-0	295	R	Temple	
92	Norwood, Eric	DE-LB	6-1	241	R	South Carolina	
39	O'Hanlon, Matt	S	5-11	207	R	Nebraska	
75	Ortmann, Mark	OT	6-6	295	R	Michigan	
79	Otah, Jeff	OT	6-6	330	3	Pittsburgh	13/13
64	Petitti, Rob	OT	6-6	327	5	Pittsburgh	0/0
6	Pettrey, Aaron	PK	6-1	201	R	Ohio State	
16	Pike, Tony	QB	6-6	222	R	Cincinnati	
37	Porter, Daniel	RB	5-9	196	R	Louisiana Tech	
29	Pugh, Jordan	S	5-11	196	R	Texas A&M	
72	Robinson, Duke	OG	6-5	330	2	Oklahoma	0/0
88	Rosario, Dante	TE	6-4	250	4	Oregon	14/8
74	Schwartz, Geoff	OT	6-6	331	2	Oregon	16/3
57	Senn, Jordan	LB	5-11	224	3	Portland State	8/0
89	Smith, Steve	WR	5-9	185	10	Utah	15/15
35	Stanford, R.J.	CB	5-10	183	R	Utah	
28	Stewart, Jonathan	RB	5-10	235	3	Oregon	16/3
22	Sutton, Tyrell	RB	5-8	213	2	Northwestern	7/1
97	Taylor, Hilee	DE	6-2	250	3	North Carolina	6/0
93	Tyler, Tank	DT	6-2	306	4	North Carolina State	12/2
24	Walker, Marcus	CB	5-11	191	1	Oklahoma	0/0
49	Ware, Sean	LB	6-2	237	R	New Hampshire	
48	Warren, Brett	LB	6-0	232	1	Virginia Tech	0/0
70	Wharton, Travelle	OG	6-4	312	7	South Carolina	16/16
34	Williams, DeAngelo	RB	5-9	217	5	Memphis	13/13
65	Williams, Garry	OT	6-3	296	2	Kentucky	7/0
53	Williams, Jamar	LB	6-0	237	5	Arizona State	16/2
27	Wilson, C.J.	CB	6-1	195	4	Baylor	7/0
32	Witherspoon, Brian	CB	5-10	180	3	Stillman (Ala.)	8/0
15	Wright, Wallace	WR	6-1	197	4	North Carolina	16/0
18	Young, Oliver	WR	6-2	197	R	South Caroina State	

TAMPA BAY Buccaneers

2010 PREDICTION: 4-12 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*
2009 RECORD: 3-13 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC SOUTH)*

TEAM PROFILE

R. MORRIS

HEAD COACH: Raheem Morris
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Greg Olson
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Raheem Morris
OWNER: Malcolm Glazer
STADIUM: Raymond James | **CAPACITY:** 65,657
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.buccaneers.com

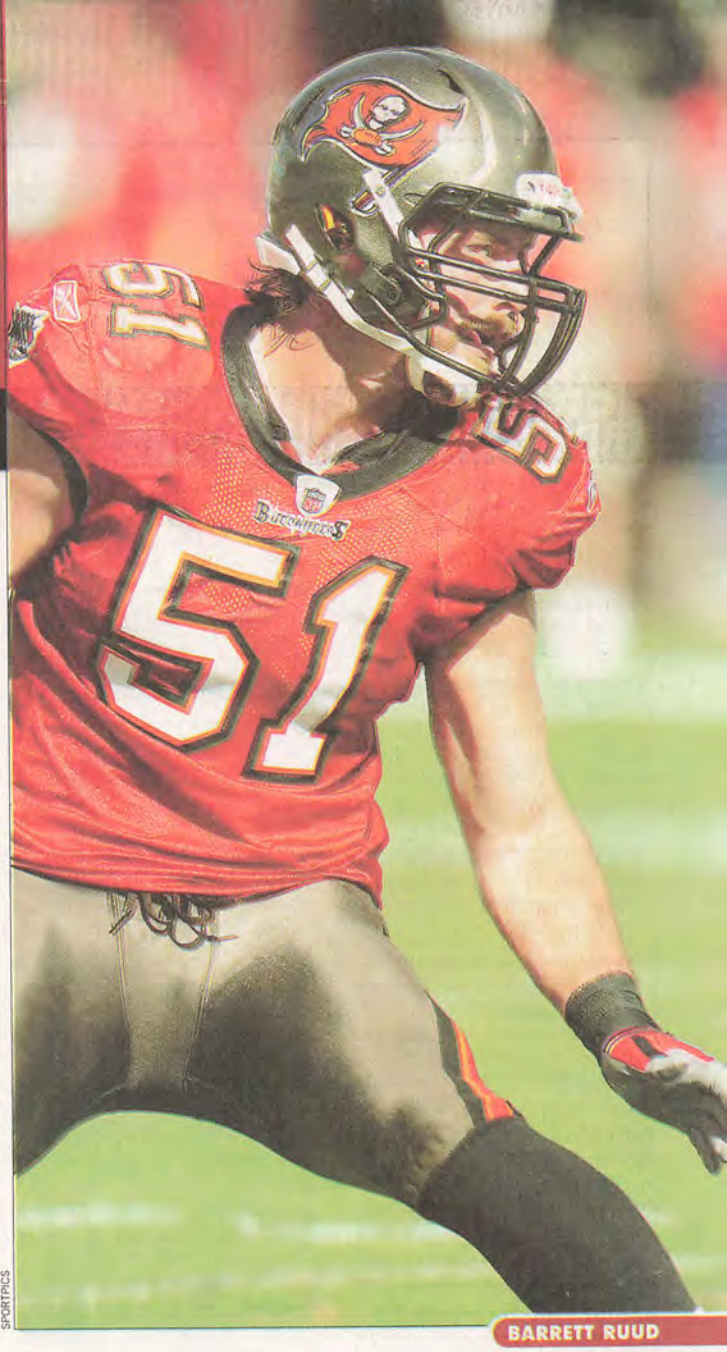
The fix is not going to be quick for the Buccaneers.

Tampa Bay's rebuilding project moves into its second season after a trying, and sometimes embarrassing, first year that led to questions about head coach Raheem Morris' credibility. While there were rumors that Morris, and perhaps GM Mark Dominik, would be replaced in the offseason, the Bucs won two of their final three games and gave the franchise hope that it was going to get better.

They will be challenged to follow through on that promise in 2010, and it will have to be done with a roster that was infused with young talent in the draft. The Bucs didn't take advantage of the uncapped year by spending loads of money on free agents. They focused on filling holes with their draft picks, instead. Although there is a sense of urgency to win immediately, Dominik chose to build for long-term success by assembling more young players on an already-young team.

No youngster will be watched more closely than QB Josh Freeman, who heads into his first full season as a starter under pressure to improve. Coaches have asked the '09 first-round pick to be more vocal in the huddle and become more accurate with his throws.

His development, or lack thereof, will play a major role in determining the futures of Morris and Dominik.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OFFENSE

The offense should benefit from some stability at coordinator after Greg Olson was promoted to the job just before the start of last season when Jeff Jagodzinski was fired. Olson runs a variation of the West Coast offense. Tampa Bay is expected to employ a power running game, and guards will be asked to pull to clear holes. The Bucs will look to stretch the field with the vertical passing game and will use play-action to try to disrupt the defense. The aerial attack could be lacking, however, as the WR personnel leaves much to be desired.

QUARTERBACKS

After a rocky stint as a starter in the second half, QB Josh Freeman heads into his second year with great potential and much to prove. Raheem Morris has said Freeman's development is the team's top priority. He has elite athletic ability, and team officials have been encouraged by the commitment he made in the offseason by doing all the things necessary to improve. Freeman has a rare combination of size and strength. He has all the skills necessary to become a great quarterback, but it's going to take time for him to get there. Freeman needs to become more accurate and more consistent with his mechanics. He will be backed up by Josh Johnson, another young player who is still adjusting to the pro game.

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

LB Jon Alston, WR Reggie Brown, S Sean Jones.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

S Will Allen, P Josh Bidwell, WR Antonio Bryant, CB Torrie Cox, P Dirk Johnson, QB Byron Leftwich, LB Matt McCoy, DE Jimmy Wilkerson.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
TE Kellen Winslow

DEFENSIVE MVP
MLB Barrett Ruud

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Sammie Stroughter

POSITION BATTLE
SS: Sean Jones vs. Sabby Piscitelli

K. WINSLOW

B. RUUD

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
D+	C	D	B-	D	C+	B-	C+

He struggled mightily in four starts last season but he's an intriguing talent who could develop into a decent reserve. Johnson can pick up yards with his feet, but like Freeman, he has to work on his accuracy. No. 3 QB Rudy Carpenter is a second-year developmental prospect. He's accurate on short and intermediate throws, but was rattled by pressure during his college career at Arizona State.

RUNNING BACKS

Tampa Bay is hoping to get more big-play production from its rushing game after it gained only four yards per carry and scored five touchdowns last season. The Bucs will split carries between Cadillac Williams and Derrick Ward primarily. Williams proved he had recovered from two significant knee injuries by earning a starting spot and setting career highs in TDs and receiving yardage. His injury history is a concern, and although he's not a dynamic back with a series of electrifying moves in his arsenal, Williams runs with purpose and is aggressive. Ward didn't make as much of an impact as some expected in his first season with the Bucs. He never has been a featured back before but could get a shot at claiming the role. Ward won't dazzle anyone with spins and stutter-steps. He's a one-cut back with a good burst. Earnest Graham, a stout power back, had only 14 carries last season and was confined to blocking much of the time. He should play a similar role this season.

RECEIVERS

The Bucs lost their No. 1 receiver when Antonio Bryant left in free agency, and they will have to make do with a collection of youngsters and underachievers. Second-year WR Sammie Stroughter, a tough, high-motor player, was a pleasant surprise as a rookie and could be targeted more frequently by Josh Freeman. Stroughter lacks ideal size and speed, but he's able to find holes in coverage and runs routes well. The Bucs acquired Reggie Brown from the Eagles, and he's expected to compete for a starting job. He fell out of the WR rotation in Philadelphia, but he has enough talent to make a significant contribution. Michael Clayton and Maurice Stovall, two targets with good size, both will be involved in the rotation. Neither has made much of their opportunities in the past, but each is capable of delivering a tough catch once in a while. The Bucs double-dipped on receivers in the draft, snagging Arrelious Benn in the second round and Mike Williams in the fourth. Benn has great run-after-the-catch potential. He's strong and deceptively fast. He needs to catch the ball with his hands, rather than his body, more often. Williams was flagged as a prospect with suspect character during the draft process, but he has the potential to become a fine possession receiver. He maintains good body control while going in and out of his cuts and is a fluid mover. Mark Bradley, who has struggled to stay healthy throughout his career, will battle for reps as well. TE Kellen Winslow is likely to be the go-to target for Freeman again. The Bucs will move him around the field to create mismatches. Winslow is quick, strong and explosive and can create after the catch. Winslow's arrival made backup TE Jeremy Stevens less of a factor in the passing game last season. Stevens has the height to create mismatches. He comes with off-field baggage, though. TE John Gilmore is a blocking specialist.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

This is where the strength of the team lies. The offensive line is talented, and schematic changes should allow it to show off its power more in 2010. ORG Davin Joseph and C Jeff Faine are the stars of the group. Joseph is an imposing presence and is a dependable road grader, although last season was not his best. He doesn't have ideal foot quickness but is agile and quick to recover. Faine is the wise veteran leader of the unit. He handles the calls and makes sure players know their assignments. Faine will get knocked into the backfield against tough, aggressive defensive tackles, but he's able to hold his ground vs. most opponents. Jeremy Zuttah, a solid player with some power, will start at left guard. Donald Penn will be back at left tackle. The team was unhappy with Penn's weight gain last year, but there are no other good options on the roster at his position, and he has been a serviceable starter. ORT Jeremy Trueblood has hurt the team with penalties. He'd be much more valuable if he matured. Second-year veteran Xavier Fulton is a raw, developmental prospect. He has the tools to become an athletic tackle.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	BYE	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	at San Francisco	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Baltimore	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Washington	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	Seattle	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Tampa Bay

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	Dallas	(+5.5)	21-34
Sept. 20	At Buffalo	(+4)	20-33
Sept. 27	New York Giants	(+6.5)	0-24
Oct. 4	At Washington	(+9)	13-16
Oct. 11	At Philadelphia	(+15.5)	14-33
Oct. 18	Carolina	(+3)	21-28
Oct. 25	New England	(+15.5)	7-35
Nov. 1	BYE		
Nov. 8	Green Bay	(+10)	38-28
Nov. 15	At Miami	(+10)	23-25
Nov. 22	New Orleans	(+10.5)	7-38
Nov. 29	At Atlanta	(+12.5)	17-20
Dec. 6	At Carolina	(+4)	6-16
Dec. 13	New York Jets	(+3.5)	3-26
Dec. 20	At Seattle	(+6.5)	24-7
Dec. 27	At New Orleans	(+14)	20-17*
Jan. 3	Atlanta	(+3)	10-20

* Overtime

DEFENSE

Raheem Morris took over defensive coordinator duties last season after he fired Jim Bates. He's continuing in that role in 2010. Morris worked under longtime coordinator Monte Kiffin and is a proponent of the Tampa-2 system, but the Bucs will mix in other coverages as well. They will play quarters and man-to-man at times. The defense improved after the change at coordinator, as players returned to a scheme in which they were more comfortable. That said, the Bucs' defense has been one of the league's worst since late in the '08 campaign.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The defensive line was short on playmaking pass rushers and run-stuffing tackles, but Tampa Bay is counting on its

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**DALL.**	**@BUFF.**	**N.Y.G.**	**@WASH.**	**@PHIL.**	**CAR.**	**N.E.**	**G.B.**	**@MIA.**	**N.O.**	**@ATL.**	**@CAR.**	**N.Y.J.**	**@SEA.**	**@N.O.**	**ATL.**	
Score	21-34	20-33	0-24	13-16	14-33	21-28	7-35	38-28	23-25	7-38	17-20	6-16	3-26	24-7	20-17	10-20	
Total net yards	450	353	86	229	303	245	240	279	301	219	318	469	124	339	439	206	4600
Rushing yards	174	57	28	129	85	124	89	81	121	119	73	154	43	134	176	40	1627
Passing yards	276	296	58	100	218	121	151	198	180	100	245	315	81	205	263	166	2973
Rushing plays	31	19	10	30	22	25	26	25	30	23	26	26	20	34	34	23	404
Sacks allowed	0	2	0	3	3	4	3	1	4	3	1	2	3	0	3	1	33
Had intercepted	0	2	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	3	0	5	3	1	2	2	29
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Yards penalized	20	112	25	40	30	40	55	15	77	18	52	50	34	35	42	51	696
Punts	5	6	7	5	4	4	9	7	5	5	6	2	8	4	3	7	87

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	26:28	29:33	43:38	28:56	25:27	32:21	33:15	35:17	31:14	32:24	31:36	28:56	34:06	27:56	27:29	35:29	31:30
Total net yards	462	438	397	277	325	322	414	404	374	370	297	309	310	380	373	397	5849
Rushing yards	118	218	226	125	76	267	107	170	199	183	75	157	175	128	124	183	2531
Passing yards	344	220	171	152	249	55	307	234	175	187	222	152	135	252	249	214	3318
Rushing plays	24	35	49	35	21	48	28	32	36	36	26	33	41	25	23	37	529
Sacks allowed	1	2	0	3	3	1	1	6	0	0	6	1	1	1	1	1	28
Had intercepted	0	1	0	3	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	19
Fumbles lost	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Yards penalized	41	55	60	40	111	30	66	35	30	55	29	37	63	50	14	15	731
Punts	4	3	4	4	5	3	6	7	6	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	72

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Freeman							1-5-0	4-20-0	6-35-0	2-30-0	2-14-0	3-30-0	4-21-0	3-1-0	2-7-0	3-(-2)-0	30-161-0
Graham	1-1-0	2-16-0		5-8-0						3-31-0	1-0-0		1-2-0		1-8-0		14-66-0
J. Johnson			1-15-0	7-41-0	5-40-0	8-45-0	1-7-0										22-148-0
Ward	12-62-1	9-32-0	5-2-0		6-37-0	1-2-0	12-43-0	4-5-0	10-34-0	7-26-0	13-29-0	5-32-0	4-6-0	19-67-0	7-32-0		114-409-1
C. Williams	13-97-1	7-9-0	2-8-0	16-77-0	10-8-0	16-77-1	12-34-0	16-56-0	14-52-1	11-32-0	10-30-0	17-92-0	11-14-0	12-66-0	24-129-1	20-42-0	211-823-4

PASSING **

Freeman							2-4-0 16-0	14-31-1 205-3	16-28-1 196-1	17-33-3 126-1	20-29-0 250-2	23-44-5 321-0	14-33-3 93-0	16-26-1 205-2	21-31-2 271-0	15-31-2 172-1	158-290-18 1855-10
J. Johnson			4-10-0 36-0	13-22-1 106-1	26-50-3 240-2	11-17-1 147-0	9-26-3 156-1										63-125-8 685-4
Leftwich	25-41-0 276-1	26-50-2 296-3	7-16-1 22-0														58-107-3 594-4

RECEIVING

A. Bryant	2-29-0		1-6-0	4-44-1	5-62-0	2-37-0	2-51-1			3-40-0	3-91-1	5-116-0	2-22-0	3-35-0	5-52-0	2-15-1	39-600-4
Clayton	5-93-0	2-27-0			3-25-0	1-9-0		1-29-0	1-3-0	1-18-1					1-10-0	1-16-0	16-230-1
Graham		1-3-0		2-9-0		1-2-0			1-16-0	3-16-0	1-15-0	1-5-0			4-43-0		14-109-0
Stevens	4-41-0	3-24-1	1-6-0		1-1-0				1-15-0	1-5-0	1-6-0	1-9-0			1-9-0	1-14-0	15-130-1
Stovall	1-13-0	3-80-0						3-46-0	4-47-1		3-26-0	4-68-0	2-9-0	1-3-0	2-47-0	1-27-0	24-366-1
Stroughter	3-25-0	1-10-0	2-23-0	1-10-0	3-18-0	3-65-0	3-63-0	3-19-1	2-13-0		3-19-0	3-23-0		4-46-0			31-334-1
Ward	2-21-0	1-5-0	2-7-0			1-5-0	1-8-0	3-54-1		3-14-0	1-2-0	3-17-0	2-11-0	1-6-1			20-150-2
C. Williams		7-56-1	1-3-0	4-22-0	3-8-0		2-28-0			1-4-0	1-8-1	2-14-0		1-22-1	3-19-0	3-33-0	28-217-3
Winslow	5-30-1	7-90-1	3-14-0	2-21-0	9-102-2	3-29-0	2-9-0	4-57-1	7-102-0	5-29-0	7-81-0	4-69-0	4-26-0	6-93-0	4-76-0	5-56-0	77-884-5

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

top two draft picks — DTs Gerald McCoy and Brian Price — to contribute and have success immediately. McCoy is an ideal fit for the three-technique in the Tampa-2. His leadership skills are superb and his talent is rare. If his college career at Oklahoma is any indication, he'll be spending a lot of time in the opposition's backfield. McCoy, a powerful, relentless penetrator, can be very disruptive, and he plays hard all the time. Price is expected to rotate in next to McCoy at nose. He can shoot gaps quickly and plays with power. There are some doubts about his maturity level and whether he can be a consistent pass-rush presence. The Bucs do not blitz often, so it's up to the front four to get pressure. DE Stylez G. White led the team in sacks last season and took on a larger role after the late Gaines Adams was traded to Chicago. Raheem Morris has questioned White's commitment, and the Bucs need him to become a more consistent threat off the edge. The quick-twitch end fits best as a nickel rusher. DE Tim Crowder could compete for a starting job. He is big and strong but lacks burst. Second-year DE-DT Kyle Moore, who has good length, is still developing. DT Ryan Sims, who started 16 games last season, will probably lose his starting job to McCoy. High-motor DT Roy Miller is expected to be more involved in the rotation. He has the tools to develop into a solid run stuffer.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Gerald McCoy	DT	Oklahoma	3
2	Brian Price	DT	UCLA	35
2	Arrelious Benn	WR	Illinois	39
3	Myron Lewis	CB	Vanderbilt	67
4	Mike Williams	WR	Syracuse	101
6	Brent Bowden	P	Virginia Tech	172
7	Cody Grimm	SS	Virginia Tech	210
7	Dekoda Watson	OLB	Florida State	217
7	Erik Lorig	DE	Stanford	253

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LINEBACKERS

MLB Barrett Ruud is disciplined and highly respected, and he's flanked by two players who showed some promise last season at outside 'backer. Ruud has good range and is able to move quickly into his drops, although he lacks elite speed. He doesn't miss many tackles and would benefit from better help up front when it comes to stopping the run. WLB Geno Hayes, who also can cover a lot of ground, had a productive first season as a starter in 2009. He underwent surgery to repair a torn labrum in January but is expected to be ready for training camp. SLB Quincy Black is undersized, but he flows to the ball well and has good short-area quickness. The Bucs signed former Raiders OLB Jon Alston, a solid special-teams contributor with tremendous speed who will back up Hayes. Adam Hayward and Niko Koutouvides also will juggle reserve LB and special-teams duties. SLB Angelo Crowell has been unable to stay healthy over the past couple years. He was productive prior to the string of injuries. Rookie Dekoda Watson, a workout warrior, will make most of his contributions on special teams.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

With teams opting to gash the Bucs on the ground last season, the secondary faced the second-fewest pass attempts in the NFL (482). CB Ronde Barber is still a leader, but he has been supplanted by Aqib Talib on the depth chart as the top corner. Talib is a long-armed, good-sized disruptor. He has great ball skills and will step up in run support. His makeup fits very well in the zone-heavy scheme. Some question his maturity, however. Barber didn't make an interception last season and doesn't have the extra gear he used to, but he is still the team's second-best option at corner. He's solid in coverage and has an ally in Raheem Morris. Third-round pick Myron Lewis will become the nickel back and could eventually replace Barber. The Vanderbilt product

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	18 STROUGHTER	85 Stovall	19 M. Williams*
OLT	70 PENN	77 Lee	
OLG	76 ZUTTAH		
C	52 FAINE	61 Compas	
ORG	75 JOSEPH		
ORT	65 TRUEBLOOD	68 Fulton	
TE	82 WINSLOW	86 Stevens	88 Gilmore
WR	15 BROWN	80 Clayton	17 Benn*
QB	5 FREEMAN	11 Johnson	12 Carpenter
RB	24 C. WILLIAMS	28 Ward	34 Graham
FB	34 GRAHAM		
DEFENSE			
DLE	96 CROWDER	94 K. Moore	
DLT	92 PRICE*	92 D. Moore	
DRT	93 G. McCOY*	98 Sims	93 Miller
DRE	91 WHITE		
SLB	58 BLACK	59 Crowell	57 Hayward
MLB	51 RUUD	53 Koutouvides	
WLB	54 HAYES	50 Alston	
LCB	25 TALIB	23 Lewis*	29 Roberson
RCB	20 BARBER	33 Mack	31 Biggers
SS	26 JONES	21 Piscitelli	35 Grimm*
FS	36 JACKSON	41 Lynch	
SPECIALISTS			
P	1 BOWDEN*		
PK	10 BARTH		
H	1 BOWDEN*		
PR	22 SMITH	18 Stroughter	
KR	22 SMITH	18 Stroughter	
LS	48 ECONOMOS		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Joe Baker, *linebackers*; Tim Berbenich, *asst. wide receivers*; Richard Bisaccia, *associate head coach/special-teams coordinator*; Tim Holt, *offensive asst.*; Jay Kaiser, *assistant to the coach*; Chris Keenan, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Jimmy Lake, *defensive backs*; Steve Logan, *running backs*; Pete Mangurian, *offensive line*; Raheem Morris, *head coach*; Chris Mosley, *defensive asst.*; Greg Olson, *offensive coordinator*; Alfredo Roberts, *tight ends*; Kurtis Shultz, *strength and conditioning*; Dwayne Stukes, *asst. defensive backs*; Alex Van Pelt, *quarterbacks*; Todd Wash, *defensive line*. Eric Yarber, *wide receivers*.

has good size and a combination of other skills that fit the Tampa-2. Elbert Mack breaks on the ball well and has good hands, but he can be posted up and could be a better fit as a dime back. Sabby Piscitelli and Sean Jones will compete to become the starting strong safety. Piscitelli was a liability in coverage last season and also was prone to flying into the box out of control and missing tackles. Jones is a hard hitter, but he has struggled in coverage. FS Tanard Jackson is a playmaker. He's quick to diagnose and react and plays the ball well. Jackson made a career-high five interceptions in '09. Seventh-round SS Cody Grimm is an overachiever and should help out on special teams.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The return game is in good hands with RS Clifton Smith, although it will be important to have some depth behind him, as Smith finished last season on injured reserve after suffering concussions in two games. Smith has breakaway speed but will fumble on occasion. Sammie Stroughter became the returner after Smith was injured and is a threat, returning a kickoff for a touchdown. The Bucs went through multiple kickers and punters last season and would like to avoid that scenario again. Connor Barth became the kicker around midseason and tied an NFL single-game record with three field goals of 50 or more yards in a 25-23 loss at Miami in mid-November, showing surprising leg strength. Sixth-round pick Brent Bowden has good leg strength and did not have a punt blocked in three years at Virginia Tech. Consistency has been an issue for him.

SUMMARY

The Bucs might begin that climb from the bottom of the division, but they are still far from a playoff contender. Improvement from several young players — most notably QB Josh Freeman — will be the key to a more respectable won-lost record. If Tampa Bay can muster only a few wins again, the franchise could be making some major changes in 2011, including at head coach.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
	Adeniji, Damola	WR	6-3	213	R	Oregon State	
50	Alston, Jon	LB	6-0	235	5	Stanford	9/4
38	Anderson, Brandon	CB	5-10	179	1	Akron	0/0
20	Barber, Ronde	CB	5-10	184	14	Virginia	16/16
10	Barth, Connor	PK	5-11	193	3	North Carolina	9/0
17	Benn, Arrelious	WR	6-2	220	R	Illinois	
71	Bennett, Michael	DL	6-4	274	2	Texas A&M	7/0
31	Biggers, E.J.	CB	6-0	180	2	Western Michigan	0/0
58	Black, Quincy	LB	6-2	227	4	New Mexico	16/13
1	Bowden, Brent	P	6-2	202	R	Virginia Tech	
16	Bradley, Mark	WR	6-1	201	6	Oklahoma	13/6
	Brooks, Chris	WR	6-2	215	R	Nebraska	
15	Brown, Reggie	WR	6-1	197	6	Georgia	14/2
12	Carpenter, Rudy	QB	6-2	212	2	Arizona State	0/0
80	Clayton, Michael	WR	6-4	215	7	LSU	13/11
61	Compas, Jonathan	C	6-3	300	2	UC Davis	2/0
39	Cook, Emanuel	S	5-10	185	1	South Carolina	0/0
96	Crowder, Tim	DE	6-4	260	4	Texas	15/4
59	Crowell, Angelo	LB	6-1	246	8	Virginia	0/0
62	Dile, Marc	OL	6-4	275	1	South Florida	0/0
69	Dotson, Demar	OT	6-9	315	2	Southern Mississippi	9/0
48	Economos, Andrew	LS	6-1	250	5	Georgia Tech	16/0
79	Evans, Maurice	DE	6-2	264	1	Penn State	0/0
52	Faine, Jeff	C	6-3	291	8	Notre Dame	12/12
5	Freeman, Josh	QB	6-6	248	2	Kansas State	10/9
68	Fulton, Xavier	OT	6-5	301	2	Illinois	0/0
	Gilbeaux, Brandon	DE	6-3	270	R	Delaware	
88	Gilmore, John	TE	6-5	257	9	Penn State	13/2
34	Graham, Earnest	RB	5-9	225	7	Florida	13/6
	Grimes, Lee	OG	6-6	309	R	Texas A&M	
35	Grimm, Cody	S	6-1	203	R	Virginia Tech	
43	Hall, De'von	S	6-3	212	2	Utah State	4/0
	Hardman, Derek	OT	6-6	300	R	Eastern Kentucky	
54	Hayes, Geno	LB	6-1	226	3	Florida State	15/13
57	Hayward, Adam	LB	6-1	240	4	Portland State	15/1
32	Huggins, Kareem	RB	5-9	198	2	Hofstra	3/0
36	Jackson, Tanard	S	6-0	200	4	Syracuse	12/12
	Johnson, George	DE	6-4	265	R	Rutgers	
11	Johnson, Josh	QB	6-3	205	3	San Diego	6/4
26	Jones, Sean	S	6-1	220	7	Georgia	15/9
75	Joseph, Davin	OG	6-3	313	5	Oklahoma	16/16
53	Koutouvides, Niko	LB	6-2	238	7	Purdue	16/0
	Lawrence, Hunter	PK	6-0	187	R	Texas	
77	Lee, James	OT	6-4	305	3	South Carolina State	0/0
23	Lewis, Myron	CB	6-2	203	R	Vanderbilt	
97	Lorig, Erik	DE	6-4	275	R	Stanford	
41	Lynch, Corey	S	6-0	206	3	Appalachian State	13/0
33	Mack, Elbert	CB	5-10	175	3	Troy	15/3
	Mastrud, Jeron	TE	6-6	253	R	Kansas State	
93	McCoy, Gerald	DT	6-4	295	R	Oklahoma	
	McCoy, Rico	LB	6-1	220	R	Tennessee	
93	Miller, Roy	DT	6-1	310	2	Texas	15/1
92	Moore, Dre	DT	6-4	305	2	Maryland	7/0
94	Moore, Kyle	DE	6-5	272	2	USC	8/0
83	Nunn, Terrence	WR	6-0	195	2	Nebraska	0/0
	Parker, Preston	WR	6-0	195	R	North Alabama	
	Pasco, Darrell	CB	6-0	170	R	Georgia Southern	
70	Penn, Donald (RFA)	OT	6-5	305	5	Utah State	16/16
21	Piscitelli, Sabby	S	6-3	224	4	Oregon State	16/15
45	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	260	2	Wisconsin	7/3
92	Price, Brian	DT	6-1	303	R	UCLA	
46	Purvis, Ryan	TE	6-4	260	2	Boston College	0/0
	Render, Sergio	OG	6-3	313	R	Virginia Tech	
29	Roberson, Derrick	CB	5-10	182	2	Rutgers	6/0
49	Robinson, Lee	LB	6-2	256	1	Alcorn State	0/0
	Rogan, Dennis	S	5-10	178	R	Tennessee	
	Ruffin, James	DE	6-4	263	R	Northern Iowa	
51	Ruud, Barrett	LB	6-2	241	6	Nebraska	16/16
98	Sims, Ryan	DT	6-4	315	9	North Carolina	16/16
22	Smith, Clifton	RB	5-9	190	3	Fresno State	11/0
	Snead, Jevan	QB	6-3	220	R	Mississippi	
81	Spurlock, Micheal	WR	5-10	214	3	Mississippi	6/0
86	Stevens, Jerramy	TE	6-7	260	9	Washington	16/8
85	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	220	5	Notre Dame	15/7
18	Stroughter, Sammie	WR	5-10	189	2	Oregon State	13/0
25	Talib, Aqib	CB	6-1	205	3	Kansas	15/15
	Taylor, Rendrick	FB	6-2	265	R	Clemson	
65	Trueblood, Jeremy (RFA)	OT	6-8	320	5	Boston College	16/16
19	Urrutia, Mario	WR	6-6	232	2	Louisville	0/0
28	Ward, Derrick	RB	5-11	228	7	Ottawa (Kan.)	14/1
56	Watson, Dekoda	LB	6-1	226	R	Florida State	
91	White, Stylez G.	DE	6-3	270	4	Minnesota	15/8
24	Williams, Cadillac (RFA)	RB	5-11	217	6	Auburn	16/15
	Williams, James	OT	6-5	295	R	Harvard	
19	Williams, Mike	WR	6-2	212	R	Syracuse	
82	Winslow, Kellen	TE	6-4	240	7	Miami (Fla.)	16/14
76	Zuttah, Jeremy	OG	6-4	308	3	Rutgers	16/16

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

2010 PREDICTION: 9-7 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 8-8 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

M. SINGLETARY

HEAD COACH: Mike Singletary
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Jimmy Raye
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Greg Manusky
CO-CHAIRMEN: Denise DeBartolo York, John York
STADIUM: Candlestick Park | **CAPACITY:** 69,732
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.49ers.com

Entering Mike Singletary's second full season as head coach, the Niners have a legitimate shot at a division title after their most successful season since 2002.

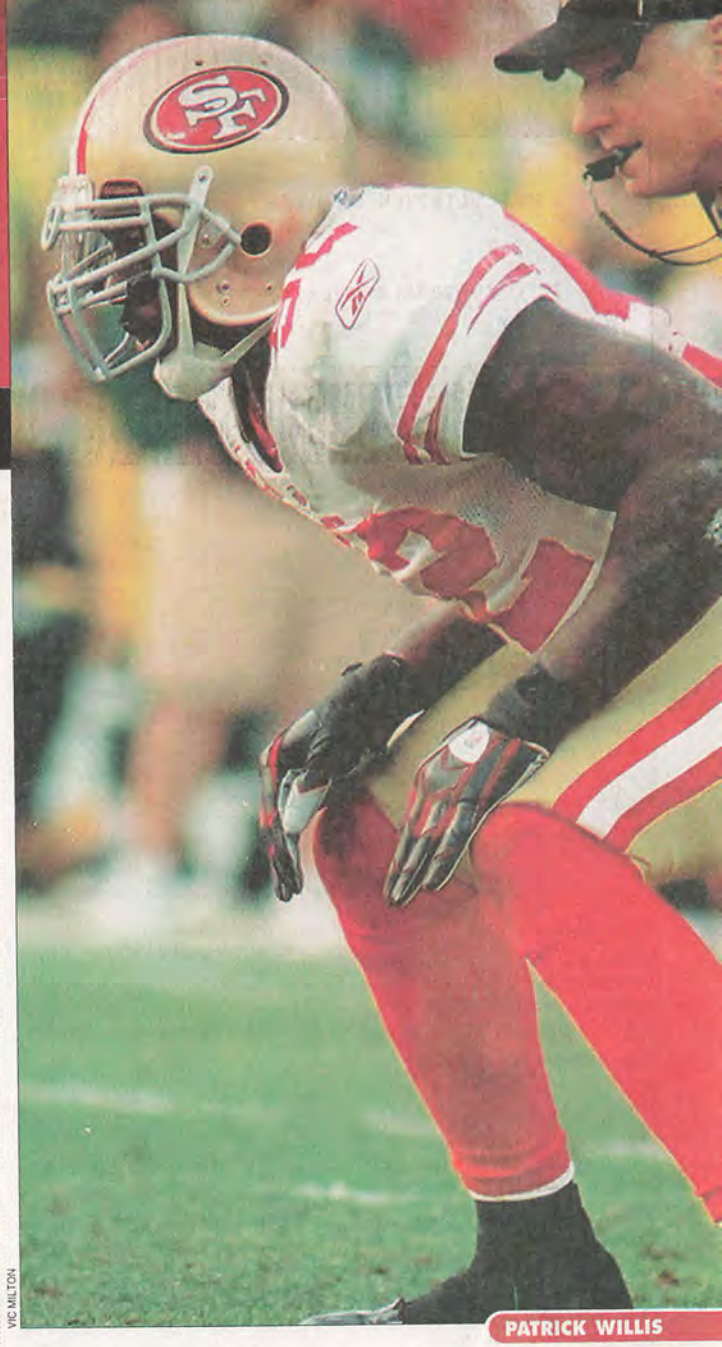
With two-time league MVP Kurt Warner no longer under center for the Cardinals, and Singletary's highly motivated troops coming off an impressive 5-1 record within the NFC West, the gap atop the division appears to have definitely narrowed — despite a shakeup in the Niners' front office only five weeks before the 2010 draft that came as a huge surprise to team observers.

The potential for big-time problems off the field loomed large when general manager Scot McCloughan, the Niners' personnel point man since February 2005, was shockingly relieved of his duties for personal reasons in what was termed a "mutual parting" by 28-year-old team president Jed York.

McCloughan was replaced by his rock-steady right-hand man, director of player personnel Trent Baalke, who has been granted an opportunity by York to earn the GM job for the long term.

On the field, the stability seems to have improved greatly since a year ago, with former first-round pick Alex Smith no longer having to deal with an "open competition" for the starting QB job.

In addition, the return of Jimmy Raye snaps a string of seven consecutive years with a different offensive coordinator.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PATRICK WILLIS

OFFENSE

The Niners began the season with a smashmouth mentality, switched to a pass-oriented spread-shotgun style shortly before midseason and then reverted to a more traditional two-back set out of the I-formation down the stretch. After fortifying the offensive line with first-rounders Anthony Davis and Mike Iupati, a run-oriented power attack figures to be featured.

QUARTERBACKS

Entering his contract year, Alex Smith will get one more shot to convince the team he can be an effective long-term starter. The first overall pick in the 2005 draft initially looked very impressive operating out of the shotgun after replacing the departed Shaun Hill in the second half of a Week Seven game in Houston. He played every snap the rest of the year, but he had his share of setbacks as the season wore on. Fully recovered from the shoulder injury that plagued him the previous two seasons, Smith did a better job of maintaining his mechanics under pressure, keeping his eyes downfield and delivering the ball before getting hit. Smith has decent toughness, athleticism, escapability and improvisational skills, but a lack of confidence has been a problem the team believes will be remedied by not having to adjust to a different system for the first time in his career. Smith will be pushed by David Carr, who

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

QB David Carr, WR-RS Ted Ginn Jr., OLB Travis LaBoy, CB Karl Paymah.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

WR Arnaz Battle, QB Shaun Hill, OT Tony Pashos.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Frank Gore

DEFENSIVE MVP
ILB Patrick Willis

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Michael Crabtree

POSITION BATTLE
SS: Michael Lewis vs. Taylor Mays

F. GORE P. WILLIS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C-	B+	B-	C+	B	B+	C+	B-

spent the previous two seasons with the Giants backing up Eli Manning. Another former No. 1 overall pick, Carr has an unorthodox throwing motion, similar to a shot-putter, and has not started a game since his one season with the Panthers in 2007. Promising third-stringer Nate Davis has the strongest arm of any of the team's QBs. But Davis still might be more than a season away from being ready to run the offense.

RUNNING BACKS

Despite missing two full games and most of a third with an ankle injury, featured back Frank Gore rushed for more than 1,000 yards (1,120) for a franchise-record fourth consecutive season. Seldom going down after initial contact, Gore registered five performances with more than 100 yards rushing and had a career-high 10 TD runs. He also continued to be a very effective receiver out of the backfield — his 1,526 yards from scrimmage was the third-best total in the NFC — and a superb pass protector. Backup Glen Coffee had a strong preseason as a third-round rookie in '09 but tailed off once the regular season started. A physical runner who is also good in pass protection, Coffee has put on some pounds this offseason in an effort to deliver more consistent force. Versatile Michael Robinson, who has good athleticism and leadership skills, is a solid threat in spot situations, and powerful sixth-rounder Anthony Dixon could make his presence felt up the gut. FB Moran Norris is a punishing lead blocker. He is backed up by promising Brit Miller, who began his career as a linebacker with the Panthers.

RECEIVERS

With a full season to absorb the offense after learning on the fly last year following a prolonged contract impasse, '09 No. 1 pick Michael Crabtree figures to be the team's go-to receiver. Extremely confident with long arms and exceptional hands that he uses to attack the ball, Crabtree (48 catches for 625 yards and two TDs in only 11 games) posted the most receptions by a rookie Niners receiver since Jerry Rice in 1985. Josh Morgan, who started off slowly in '09 but improved once he really knew what was expected from him, shapes up as the No. 2 receiver. Big, physical and extremely selfless, Morgan has good yards-after-catch ability and is a very sound downfield blocker. His lack of separation speed is a drawback. Speedy Ted Ginn Jr. should provide a legitimate downfield threat. But dropped passes have proven to be a real problem for the former first-round pick of the Dolphins, who was acquired in an April trade. After breaking his shoulder blade diving for a pass early in training camp in '09, Brandon Jones rarely saw action. Jones should see more playing time this season along with Jason Hill, who was the No. 3 receiver the second half of '08. Hill was underutilized last season. Under the fatherly guidance of head coach Mike Singletary, TE Vernon Davis went from being a me-first underachiever to a team captain and Pro Bowl starter after a breakout season. With a freakish mixture of speed and athleticism, Davis tied the single-season league record for most TD catches by a tight end with 13. But as outstanding as he was, he still had too many dropped passes and ill-timed penalties. No. 2 TE Delanie Walker creates consistent mismatches with his speed. Sixth-rounder Nate Byham enters the TE mix as an accomplished blocking specialist.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

The complexion of the line changed dramatically with the first-round selections of powerful, long-armed OT Anthony Davis and Mike Iupati, regarded by most experts as the best guard available in the draft. Davis is expected to step in as the starting right tackle with competition from versatile but athletically limited Adam Snyder, the starter at the end of last season. The extremely physical Iupati will likely overtake David Baas, a determined mauler, at left guard. OLT Joe Staley continued to display excellent footwork and athleticism when healthy. Staley missed seven games with a right knee injury but was replaced with surprising effectiveness by smart, tough backup Barry Sims. The line's most consistent player the last several years has been C Eric Heitmann, a wily overachiever who is getting up there in years. ORG Chilo Rachal rebounded nicely from sluggish start in '09. He looked overmatched early on but was dominant in a win over the Cardinals late last season. Sims, veteran OG Tony Wragge, second-year C Cody Wallace and OT Alex Boone, an intriguing project who has worked hard to reshape his body, provide depth.

DEFENSE

Under the direction of Greg Manusky, the Niners' 3-4 defense continued to improve in '09, refusing to allow a touchdown in five games, which tied a league high. The pass rush steadily improved, registering at least four sacks in five different games, and the sixth-ranked run defense was stellar for the most part. But the pass defense must improve against speed receivers.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Reporting to camp 15 pounds lighter after working with a personal trainer in the offseason, Aubrayo Franklin emerged as one of the league's top nose tackles. With a low center of gravity, Franklin masterfully took on one double-team after another, freeing up linebackers to make plays along with DRE Justin Smith,

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at Seattle	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 20	New Orleans	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Philadelphia	8:20 p.m.
Oct. 17	Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Denver (London)	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 14	St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	Tampa Bay	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Arizona	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 16	at San Diego	8:20 p.m.
Dec. 26	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	Arizona	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to San Francisco

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Arizona	(+4.5)	20-16
Sept. 20	Seattle	(-1)	23-10
Sept. 27	At Minnesota	(+6.5)	24-27
Oct. 4	St. Louis	(-9.5)	35-0
Oct. 11	Atlanta	(-1)	10-45
Oct. 18	BYE		
Oct. 25	At Houston	(+3)	21-24
Nov. 1	At Indianapolis	(+13)	14-18
Nov. 8	Tennessee	(-4.5)	27-34
Nov. 12	Chicago	(-3.5)	10-6
Nov. 22	At Green Bay	(+6)	24-30
Nov. 29	Jacksonville	(-3)	20-3
Dec. 6	At Seattle	(-1)	17-20
Dec. 14	Arizona	(+4)	24-9
Dec. 20	At Philadelphia	(+7.5)	13-27
Dec. 27	Detroit	(-14)	20-6
Jan. 3	At St. Louis	(-7.5)	28-6

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**@ARIZ.**	**SEA.**	**@MINN.**	**ST.L.**	**ATL.**	**@HOU.**	**@IND.**	**TEN.**	**CHI.**	**@G.B.**	**JAX.**	**@SEA.**	**ARIZ.**	**@PHIL.**	**DET.**	**@ST.L.**	
Score	20-16	23-10	24-27	35-0	10-45	21-24	14-18	27-34	10-6	24-30	20-3	17-20	24-9	13-27	20-6	28-6	
Total net yards	203	379	246	228	279	297	295	358	216	284	284	356	327	261	310	329	4652
Rushing yards	21	256	58	96	100	59	113	108	110	69	52	53	189	107	84	125	1600
Passing yards	182	123	188	132	179	238	182	250	106	215	232	303	138	154	226	204	3052
Rushing plays	25	29	26	29	17	19	18	20	28	10	20	12	36	18	32	32	371
Sacks allowed	4	4	1	4	3	2	4	4	2	3	0	1	1	3	1	3	40
Had intercepted	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	14
Fumbles lost	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	10
Yards penalized	31	54	60	33	92	65	50	25	77	30	5	57	55	55	29	40	758
Punts	8	6	9	7	5	5	8	3	5	5	5	9	5	4	6	9	99
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	28:23	25:29	32:09	29:48	36:29	30:29	33:34	26:10	28:27	41:39	29:20	31:11	23:15	31:03	29:22	26:52	30:14
Total net yards	299	283	377	177	477	336	410	315	350	484	357	292	245	422	289	109	5222
Rushing yards	40	66	94	95	148	90	61	152	43	158	96	107	85	116	114	87	1552
Passing yards	259	217	283	82	329	246	349	163	307	326	261	185	160	306	175	22	3670
Rushing plays	17	23	27	28	40	27	21	34	21	32	19	29	18	33	31	26	426
Sacks allowed	3	1	2	5	0	2	3	1	0	2	6	5	4	0	2	8	44
Had intercepted	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	18
Fumbles lost	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	3	0	15
Yards penalized	82	45	52	73	90	77	38	58	75	64	60	48	78	69	10	50	969
Punts	6	7	6	8	4	5	7	5	4	5	4	10	4	4	5	11	95

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Coffee	1-(-3)-0	9-13-0	25-54-0	24-74-0	12-45-1	2-3-0	1-8-0	1-4-0					6-16-0			2-12-0	83-226-1
Gore	22-30-1	16-207-2	1-4-0			13-32-0	13-91-1	15-83-1	25-104-1	7-59-0	16-33-0	9-25-0	25-167-1	16-107-0	28-71-1	23-107-2	229-1120-10
S. Hill		1-17-0		2-(-2)-0	4-53-0	1-2-0											8-70-0
Morgan						1-6-0		1-11-0		1-8-0		1-20-0			1-16-0		5-61-0
Norris	1-2-0	2-16-0		2-8-0	1-2-0		3-4-0			1-0-0			1-4-0			3-5-1	14-41-1
A. Smith						2-16-0	1-10-0	2-11-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	3-8-0	1-1-0	4-2-0	1-1-0	3-(-3)-0	4-1-0	24-51-0

PASSING **

S. Hill	18-31-0 209-1	19-26-0 144-0	15-25-1 195-2	14-24-0 152-2	15-38-1 198-0	6-11-0 45-0											87-155-2 943-5
A. Smith						15-22-1 206-3	19-32-1 198-1	29-45-3 286-2	16-23-1 118-0	16-33-1 227-3	27-41-0 232-2	27-45-0 310-2	19-35-2 144-2	20-37-3 177-1	20-31-0 230-1	17-28-0 222-1	225-372-12 2350-18

RECEIVING

Bruce	4-74-0	4-35-0	2-38-0	3-20-0		2-23-0	4-51-0	1-3-0		1-20-0							21-264-0
Coffee		2-16-0		4-32-0	4-21-0								1-7-0				11-76-0
Crabtree						5-56-0	6-81-0	3-30-0	4-48-0	4-77-1	4-54-0	6-60-0	5-67-1	4-26-0	4-68-0	3-58-0	48-625-2
V. Davis	5-40-0	2-32-0	7-96-2	3-43-1	5-51-0	7-93-3	3-20-1	10-102-0	3-16-0	6-108-1	6-69-1	6-111-1	3-34-1	3-43-0	3-18-1	6-89-1	78-965-13
Gore	3-18-1	5-39-0				2-15-0	5-43-0	7-75-0	4-21-0	3-9-1	7-14-1	5-37-0	2-10-0	3-19-0	4-81-0	2-25-0	52-406-3
J. Hill								4-50-2	1-5-0	1-8-0			1-10-0			2-17-0	9-90-2
Morgan	3-38-0		4-47-0	2-39-1	4-78-0	4-62-0	1-3-0	2-9-0	3-24-0	1-5-0	6-43-0	6-56-1	3-14-0	7-61-1	4-21-0	2-27-0	52-527-3
Norris		3-17-0	1-6-0										2-6-0		1-2-0		7-31-0
Robinson		2-4-0	1-8-0					1-4-0	1-4-0						1-4-0		6-24-0
Walker	1-17-0			1-10-0	1-39-0	1-2-0		1-13-0			4-52-0	3-28-0	1-2-0	3-28-0	3-36-0	2-6-0	21-233-0

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

who led the team in QB pressures by a wide margin and registered six sacks. A relentless grinder with excellent upper-body strength, the bullish Smith has made more tackles than any other D-lineman over the past nine seasons (631) and has started 139 consecutive games. On the left side, Isaac Sopoaga is one of the league's strongest players. Sopoaga worked his tail off last season, but his reaction time could stand to improve. DEs Ray McDonald, who has a good first step and can do damage on bull rushes, and Demetric Evans add quality depth. Kentwan Balmer, the team's first-round pick in '08 who ended last season on injured reserve with a torn labrum, has been a big disappointment. Second-year pro Ricky Jean Francois, who has worked hard this offseason to improve his footwork, is projected as Franklin's backup at nose tackle.

LINEBACKERS

After earning his third starting Pro Bowl berth in three seasons, "Mike" LB Patrick Willis just keeps getting better. With unrivaled range and all-around ability against the run and in coverage, Willis led the league in tackles (152) for the second time in three years, and registered career highs in forced fumbles (three) and interceptions (three), one of which he returned for a TD. Always around the ball with his great speed and intensity, Willis has a knack for making big plays and is as sure a tackler as any defender in the league. Fellow inside starter Takeo Spikes remains quite adequate approaching his twilight years. He's coming off a season in which he finished fourth on the team with 75 tackles and added four sacks. Starting OLBs Manny Lawson and Parys Haralson are both outstanding at setting the edge in the run game and improved their pass-rushing ability significantly as the '09 season wore on. Lawson, who up until last year did not rush the passer the way the team had hoped when they drafted him in the first round in '06, registered a team-high 6½ sacks and tied a team record along with Ahmad Brooks for most forced fumbles by a linebacker with four. Haralson, who is heading into his fourth year as a starter, registered five sacks, down from a team-high eight the previous season. He has good energy and toughness but has short arms and less-than-ideal speed. Brooks, head coach Mike Singletary's pet project, offers the most potential as a big-time pass rusher after successfully switching from the inside to the outside. He had six sacks, five of which came in the last five games. Third-round ILB Navorro Bowman, eighth-year veteran Matt Wilhelm, free-agent addition Travis LaBoy and special-teams stud Scott McKillop are the main backups.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Anthony Davis	OT	Rutgers	11
1	Mike Iupati	OG	Idaho	17
2	Taylor Mays	FS	USC	49
3	Navorro Bowman	ILB	Penn State	91
6	Anthony Dixon	RB	Mississippi State	173
6	Nate Byham	TE	Pittsburgh	182
6	Kyle Williams	WR	Arizona State	206
7	Phillip Adams	CB	South Carolina State	224

A. DAVIS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

After surprisingly winning the starting RCB job in training camp in '09, Shawntae Spencer had one of the best seasons of his six-year career, starting every game and providing good size, physicality and sound technique. At left corner, Nate Clements, who remains one of the league's best tackling cornerbacks, presumably has the edge as a starter despite never seeming comfortable and looking a step slower before being lost for the season with a fractured right shoulder blade. Dashon Goldson got off to a slow start in his first season as the starting free safety but showed steady improvement, finishing the season with a team-leading four interceptions and 94 tackles, the second-most on the team. The Niners' best

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	15 CRABTREE	19 Ginn Jr.	89 Hill
OLT	74 STALEY	65 Sims	
OLG	77 IUPATI*	64 Baas	69 Wragge
C	66 HEITMANN	59 Wallace	
ORG	62 RACHAL	69 Wragge	68 Snyder
ORT	76 A. DAVIS*	68 Snyder	75 Boone
TE	85 V. DAVIS	46 Del. Walker	82 Byham*
WR	84 MORGAN	81 Jones	83 Williams*
QB	11 A. SMITH	5 Carr	7 N. Davis
RB	21 GORE	29 Coffee	24 Robinson
FB	44 NORRIS	47 Miller	
DEFENSE			
DLE	90 SOPOAGA	96 Balmer	78 Der. Walker
NT	92 FRANKLIN	95 Jean Francois	
DRE	94 J. SMITH	91 McDonald	93 Evans
SAM	99 LAWSON	54 LaBoy	50 Briggs
TED	51 SPIKES	56 McKillop	53 Bowman*
MIKE	52 WILLIS	57 Wilhelm	
WILL	98 HARALSON	55 Brooks	58 Burnett
LCB	22 CLEMENTS	41 Paymah	20 K. Smith
RCB	36 SPENCER	25 T. Brown	35 Adams*
SS	32 LEWIS	23 Mays*	30 R. Smith
FS	38 GOLDSON	28 Taylor	
SPECIALISTS			
P	4 LEE		
PK	6 NEDNEY		
H	4 LEE		
PR	19 GINN JR.	83 Williams*	
KR	19 GINN JR.	83 Williams*	
LS	86 JENNINGS		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Ray Brown, *assistant offensive line*; Duane Carlisle, *strength and conditioning*; Dave Fipp, *assistant special teams*; Al Harris, *pass-rush specialist*; Pete Hoener, *tight ends*; Mike Johnson, *quarterbacks*; Vance Joseph, *secondary*, Johnnie Lynn, *secondary*; Greg Manusky, *defensive coordinator*; Jason Michael, *offensive assistant*; Bill Nayes, *special assistant to head coach*; Tom Rathman, *running backs*; Jimmy Raye, *offensive coordinator*; Kurt Schottenheimer, *special-teams coordinator*; Mike Singletary, *head coach*; Vantz Singletary, *inside linebackers*; Mike Solari, *offensive line*; Jerry Sullivan, *wide receivers/senior assistant*; Jason Tarver, *outside linebackers*; Jim Tomsula, *defensive line*; Mark Uyeyama, *assistant strength and conditioning*.

playmaking safety since Merton Hanks, Goldson has excellent range and is a punishing headhunter in run support. He must take better angles in pursuit and play more under control without losing his natural aggressiveness. SS Michael Lewis is a consistently strong run defender who does not make many mistakes. He is not nearly as good in coverage, and his history of concussions is cause for concern, with a physical style that causes him to absorb as much punishment as he gives out. Lewis could be seriously challenged by physical second-rounder Taylor Mays, who has the body of a linebacker and the speed of a cornerback. Speedy Tarell Brown, who started four games at left corner in the middle of '09 but was unable to hang on to the job; free-agent addition Karl Paymah; and seventh-rounder Phillip Adams are the primary backups at cornerback. Curtis Taylor and Reggie Smith add depth at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK Joe Nedney is a steady weapon who converted 17-of-21 field-goal attempts before missing the final two games with a hamstring injury. Pro Bowl P Andy Lee had another excellent season, ranking second in the league with a 47.6 gross average. Lee's perfect technique allows him to boom his punts without any wasted motion. After managing a league-low 4.4-yard average on punt returns, one of the Niners' top priorities was to find a capable player to fill that role. The hope is that Ted Ginn Jr., who was obtained from Miami a week before the draft, will fill the bill on both kickoff returns and punts. Ginn Jr. single-handedly led Miami to a win over the Jets in '09 with a pair of 100-yard kickoff returns for TDs. Michael Robinson was a second alternate Pro Bowl special-teamer.

SUMMARY

If the Niners can become more consistent on offense, improve their deep pass coverage on defense and fortify their return game, it's quite possible they could leap past the two-time defending champion Cardinals in the NFC West.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
35	Adams, Phillip	CB	5-11	192	R	South Carolina State	
9	Andrus, Shane	PK	5-10	190	1	Murray State	1/0
64	Baas, David	OG	6-4	330	6	Michigan	16/16
96	Balmer, Kentwan	DE-DT	6-5	315	3	North Carolina	11/0
48	Balogun, Mike	LB	6-0	240	R	Oklahoma	
75	Boone, Alex	OT	6-7	328	1	Ohio State	0/0
53	Bowman, Navorro	LB	6-0	242	R	Penn State	
50	Briggs, Diyral	LB	6-4	230	2	Bowling Green	4/0
26	Brock, Tramaine	CB	5-10	197	R	Belhaven (Miss.)	
55	Brooks, Ahmad	LB	6-3	259	5	Virginia	14/0
3	Brown, Jarrett	QB	6-3	224	R	West Virginia	
25	Brown, Tarell	CB	5-10	193	4	Texas	16/4
88	Bruce, Isaac	WR	6-0	188	17	Memphis	10/7
58	Burnett, Martail	LB	6-3	262	1	Utah	0/0
82	Byham, Nate	TE	6-4	264	R	Pittsburgh	
5	Carr, David	QB	6-3	216	9	Fresno State	6/0
43	Caulcrick , Jehuu	FB	6-0	250	1	Michigan State	0/0
22	Clements, Nate	CB	6-0	205	10	Ohio State	7/6
29	Coffee, Glen	RB	6-0	209	2	Alabama	14/2
15	Crabtree, Michael	WR	6-1	214	2	Texas Tech	11/11
48	Curtis, Tony	TE	6-5	251	4	Portland State	0/0
76	Davis, Anthony	OT	6-5	323	R	Rutgers	
7	Davis, Nate	QB	6-1	226	2	Ball State	0/0
85	Davis, Vernon	TE	6-3	250	5	Maryland	16/16
60	de la Puente, Brian	OG	6-3	306	1	California	0/0
33	Dixon, Anthony	RB	6-1	233	R	Mississippi State	
93	Evans, Demetric	DE-DT	6-4	275	9	Georgia	14/0
49	Finley, Joe Jon	TE	6-6	251	1	Oklahoma	0/0
92	Franklin, Aubrayo	NT	6-1	317	8	Tennessee	16/16
19	Ginn Jr., Ted	WR-RS	5-11	180	4	Ohio State	16/12
38	Goldson, Dashon	S	6-2	200	4	Washington	16/16
21	Gore, Frank	RB	5-9	217	6	Miami (Fla.)	14/14
98	Haralson, Parys	LB	6-0	255	5	Tennessee	16/16
66	Heitmann, Eric	C	6-3	312	9	Stanford	16/16
89	Hill, Jason	WR	6-0	202	4	Washington State	11/0
10	Hodge, Shay	WR	6-1	214	R	Mississippi	
77	Iupati, Mike	OG	6-5	331	R	Idaho	
95	Jean Francois, Ricky	NT	6-3	295	2	LSU	3/0
86	Jennings, Brian	LS	6-5	242	11	Arizona State	16/0
81	Jones, Brandon	WR	6-1	212	6	Oklahoma	8/0
45	Kristick, Keaton	LB	6-3	234	R	Oregon State	
54	LaBoy, Travis	LB	6-3	250	6	Hawaii	0/0
99	Lawson, Manny	LB	6-5	240	5	North Carolina State	16/16
4	Lee, Andy	P	6-2	180	7	Pittsburgh	16/0
32	Lewis, Michael	S	6-1	222	9	Colorado	15/15
18	Long, Scott	WR	6-2	216	R	Louisville	
40	Maragos, Chris	S	5-10	200	R	Wisconsin	
23	Mays, Taylor	S	6-3	230	R	USC	
91	McDonald, Ray	DE-DT	6-3	290	4	Florida	16/0
56	McKillop, Scott	LB	6-1	244	2	Pittsburgh	16/0
47	Miller, Brit	FB	6-0	243	1	Illinois	5/0
60	Mitchell, Khalif	DT	6-5	318	1	East Carolina	0/0
84	Morgan, Josh	WR	6-0	219	3	Virginia Tech	16/15
6	Nedney, Joe	PK	6-5	234	15	San Jose State	14/0
44	Norris, Moran	FB	6-1	250	10	Kansas	16/7
61	Patrick, Chris	OT	6-5	305	2	Nebraska	3/0
41	Paymah, Karl	CB	6-0	195	6	Washington State	12/2
14	Perry, Jared	WR	6-1	177	R	Missouri	
62	Rachal, Chilo	OG-OT	6-4	315	3	USC	16/15
24	Robinson, Michael	RB	6-1	223	5	Penn State	15/0
65	Sims, Barry	OT	6-5	300	12	Utah	16/7
11	Smith, Alex	QB	6-4	217	6	Utah	11/10
94	Smith, Justin	DE-DT	6-4	285	10	Missouri	16/16
20	Smith, Keith	CB	5-11	191	6	McNeese State	3/0
30	Smith, Reggie	S	6-1	200	3	Oklahoma	10/0
68	Snyder, Adam	OT-OG	6-6	325	6	Oregon	16/16
90	Sopoaga, Isaac	DE	6-2	330	7	Hawaii	16/16
36	Spencer, Shawntae	CB	6-1	190	7	Pittsburgh	16/16
51	Spikes, Takeo	LB	6-2	242	13	Auburn	15/15
74	Staley, Joe	OT	6-5	315	4	Central Michigan	9/9
27	Stoudamire, Patrick	CB	5-10	206	R	Western Illinois	
28	Taylor, Curtis	S	6-2	209	2	LSU	7/0
33	Vann, LeRoy	CB-RS	5-8	177	R	Florida A&M	
46	Walker, Delanie	TE	6-0	242	5	Central Missouri	16/8
78	Walker, Derek	DT	6-4	271	2	Illinois	0/0
59	Wallace, Cody	C	6-4	300	3	Texas A&M	1/0
57	Wilhelm, Matt	LB	6-2	245	8	Ohio State	11/1
83	Williams, Kyle	WR	5-10	186	R	Arizona State	
52	Willis, Patrick	LB	6-1	240	4	Mississippi	16/16
69	Wragge, Tony	OG	6-4	310	6	New Mexico State	15/0
17	Zeigler, Dominique	WR	6-3	185	2	Baylor	0/0

ARIZONA Cardinals

2010 PREDICTION: 7-9 *(SECOND PLACE IN NFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 10-6 *(FIRST PLACE IN NFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

K. WHISENHUNT

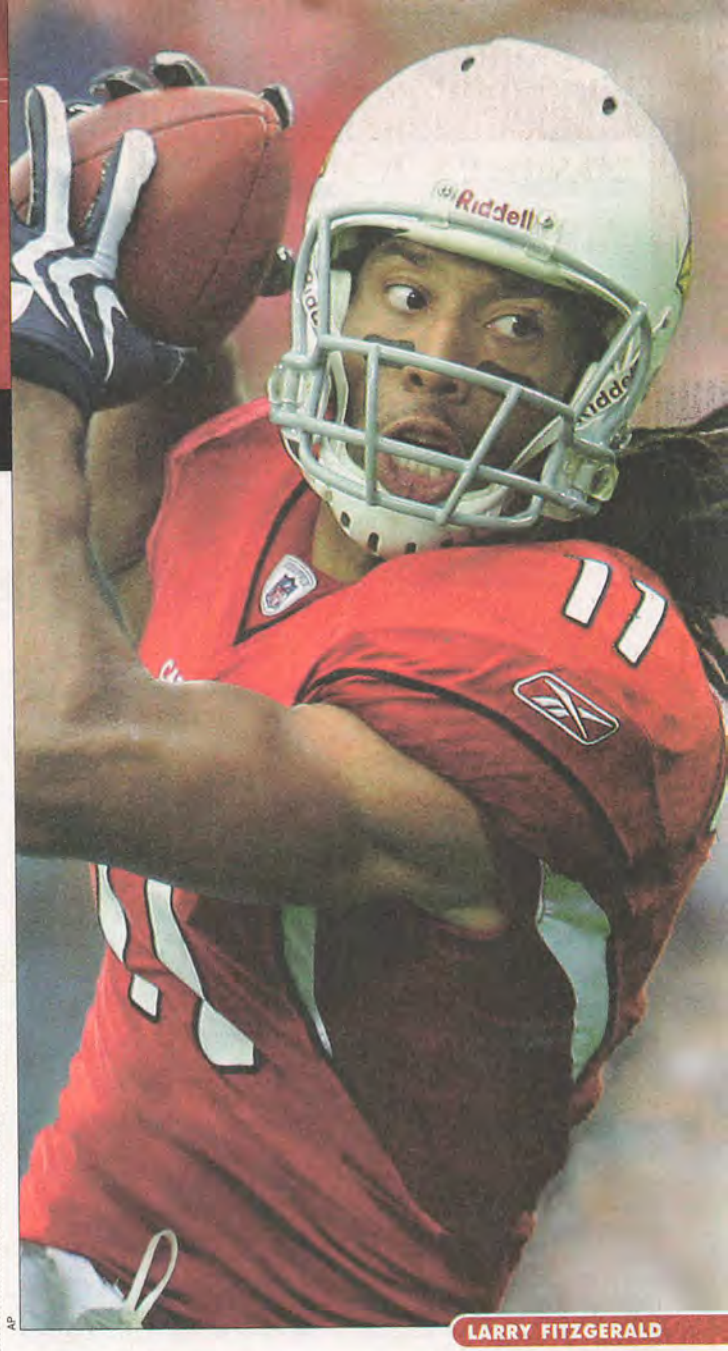
HEAD COACH: Ken Whisenhunt
CO-OFF. COORDINATORS: Russ Grimm, Mike Miller
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Bill Davis
CHAIRMAN AND OWNER: William V. Bidwill
STADIUM: Univ. of Phoenix Stadium | **CAPACITY:** 63,400
PLAYING SURFACE: Grass
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.azcardinals.com

A lot has happened to the Cardinals since the Super Bowl champion Saints' 45-14 playoff victory unceremoniously ended a third consecutive successful campaign under head coach Ken Whisenhunt.

In one fell swoop, veteran star players Kurt Warner and Bertrand Berry announced that they would be strolling off into the Arizona sunset, Whisenhunt and GM Rod Graves both deservedly received new four-year contracts and the team took a major hit on the first full day of this year's free-agent period, losing three quality starters — WR Anquan Boldin (traded to the Ravens), ILB Karlos Dansby (signed with the Dolphins) and FS Antrel Rolle (signed with the Giants).

With Warner giving way to relatively unproven former first-round draft pick Matt Leinart under center, and a gaping hole being created in the middle of the defense due to the loss of Dansby, the team's leading tackler in 2009, the Cardinals would appear to be facing major challenges on both sides of the ball as they attempt to keep improving their record under Whisenhunt's direction, which they've done in each season under his command.

Warner's departure and the emergence of RBs Chris "Beanie" Wells and Tim Hightower figure to make the ground game a much bigger factor in the offense. But the receiving corps, spearheaded by superstar Larry Fitzgerald, still packs a punch despite losing Boldin.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LARRY FITZGERALD

OFFENSE

As the Steelers' coordinator before coming to Arizona, Ken Whisenhunt effectively featured Jerome Bettis and Willie Parker in a two-back system that could become the Cardinals' standard set before too long. Also look for more play-action passes, which Kurt Warner mostly avoided, as well as more two-TE sets.

QUARTERBACKS

After the Cardinals signed strong-armed ex-Brown Derek Anderson, it was quickly assumed by many that he would seriously challenge Matt Leinart for the starting QB job. But Ken Whisenhunt went out of his way to give Leinart a strong endorsement at Anderson's initial press conference. It remains to be seen how Leinart will react to his head coach's vote of confidence. Leinart's commitment and work ethic as Kurt Warner's understudy the past four years have been questioned at times. He played well in his only start in 2009 against the Titans but was otherwise very unimpressive out of the bullpen. Passes that tend to sail high due to faulty footwork have been a recurring problem for Leinart, who must regain the trust of a receiving corps that was so used to getting the ball delivered perfectly in stride by Warner. Leinart is also easy to spot in the pocket, where he has become prone to fumbles and upper-body injuries. He offers much more mobility than Warner and

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

QB Derek Anderson, OG Alan Faneca, PK Jay Feely, LB Paris Lenon, OLB Joey Porter, FS Kerry Rhodes.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

OLB Bertrand Berry, WR Anquan Boldin, ILB Karlos Dansby, CB Bryant McFadden, WR Sean Morey, PK Neil Rackers, FS Antrel Rolle, QB Kurt Warner.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
WR Larry Fitzgerald

DEFENSIVE MVP
DT Darnell Dockett

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
DE Calais Campbell

POSITION BATTLE
RILB: Daryl Washington vs. Paris Lenon

L. FITZGERALD

D. DOCKETT

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C	B	B+	C	B+	C	B	B+

could operate a lot more on the run. In addition to a big arm, Anderson offers great size (6-6, 230) and plenty of game experience. But he can be terribly inaccurate and has some obvious deficiencies. Fifth-rounder John Skelton figures to be the No. 3 QB.

RUNNING BACKS

Concerns regarding Chris "Beanie" Wells' durability and passion for the game caused his stock to drop entering the '09 draft. The sprained ankle he suffered in his very first training-camp practice was hardly a promising sign. But by midseason, Wells became the team's featured back, proving to be a dynamic runner with 4.5 speed and the power to consistently punish defenders. Wells also proved he could catch the ball out of the backfield, but he must overcome a problem with ball security and improve his pass blocking. Tim Hightower continued to make strides in his second season, scoring a team-high eight rushing TDs and nearly doubling his pass-catching total to 63, the second-highest number among NFL backs. Hightower was a smarter, more decisive runner in '09. He plays faster than he times and has developed into an excellent pass blocker. Like Wells, though, he has issues holding on to the ball. The Cardinals missed the dimension that the departed J.J. Arrington provided as the third-down back two seasons ago. The hope is that the versatile Jason Wright and LaRod Stephens-Howling, a 5-foot-7 scatback who displayed intriguing flashes as a rookie, can do a better job filling that role in 2010. Nehemiah Broughton is a serviceable blocking fullback.

RECEIVERS

A brilliant all-around threat with an uncanny knack for making catches in tight areas, Larry Fitzgerald was forced to deal with much more concentrated coverage in '09, as teams started playing more two-deep zone to keep him from going deep. The Cardinals adjusted by putting Fitzgerald in motion more and lining him up in different spots to create mismatches. True to form, he ended up tying Randy Moss and Vernon Davis for the league lead with a career-high 13 TDs. Big, strong and graceful with hands that are strong but exceptionally soft, Fitzgerald remains the Cardinals' most dangerous offensive weapon. Steve Breaston replaces Anquan Boldin as the No. 2 wideout. A better deep threat than Boldin who runs well after the catch, Breaston is quicker than fast and is very good at adjusting his routes. Early Doucet, who came on late in '09 after overcoming early injury problems, is the new No. 3 receiver replacing Breaston. A tough inside pass catcher in the mold of Boldin with so-so speed, Doucet displayed some legitimate big-play ability down the stretch and in the playoffs. Third-rounder Andre Roberts is the front runner to fill the No. 4 WR role. The Cardinals will continue using a tight-end-by-committee approach featuring Anthony Becht, Ben Patrick and Stephen Spach. Patrick, a reliable red-zone target, is the best all-around tight end. Becht's solid run-blocking was a key to the team's improved ground game in '09. Patrick and Spach have had problems staying healthy.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Expectations are high for Levi Brown, who is expected to move from right tackle to left tackle in 2010. Head coach Ken Whisenhunt made a point of challenging Brown to step up his game after the fifth overall pick in the 2007 draft was named a Pro Bowl alternate. Brown had problems with up-field rushers the first three months of the '09 season, but he showed major improvement the final month and was cited as the team's most consistent lineman at the end of the year. A battle is expected for the starting ORT job between Jeremy Bridges, who signed a new three-year deal, and Brandon Keith, a seventh-round pick in '08 with considerable promise. Bridges raised eyebrows with his stellar work as a starter at left tackle in place of the injured Mike Gandy in a late-season win over Minnesota, when he was matched up against Vikings DE Jared Allen. But Bridges was inconsistent after that. The team considers Lyle Sendlein to be an up-and-coming center. An undrafted player with limited athleticism, Sendlein played with more punch than the previous season and seldom makes a mistake. Nine-time Pro Bowler Alan Faneca will probably start at left guard. Faneca is a physical performer who played at a high level under OL coach Russ Grimm in Pittsburgh. ORG Deuce Lutui is coming off his best season but had not signed his RFA tender at presstime. Reggie Wells, who had a subpar '09 campaign as as the starting left guard, could compete at both right guard and right tackle. Veteran free-agent addition Rex Hadnot, who started six games at right guard for the Browns in '09, king-sized second-year pro Herman Johnson and Ben Claxton add depth.

DEFENSE

The addition of accomplished pass rusher Joey Porter should enable coordinator Bill Davis' flexible 3-4 scheme to pressure the passer without having to blitz as much. Ex-Jet Kerry Rhodes is a proven commodity at free safety in place of Antrel Rolle and figures to fit in well with SS Adrian Wilson, one of three Cardinal Pro Bowl defenders along with DT Darnell Dockett and CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Disruptive, durable DT Dar-

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	at St. Louis	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	at San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10	New Orleans	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 17	BYE	
Oct. 24	at Seattle	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 31	Tampa Bay	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Seattle	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	San Francisco	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	St. Louis Rams	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Denver	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 25	Dallas	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	at San Francisco	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Arizona

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	San Francisco	(-4.5)	16-20
Sept. 20	At Jacksonville	(+3)	31-17
Sept. 27	Indianapolis	(-3)	10-31
Oct. 4	BYE		
Oct. 11	Houston	(-6)	28-21
Oct. 18	At Seattle	(+3)	27-3
Oct. 25	At New York Giants	(+8)	24-17
Nov. 1	Carolina	(-9.5)	21-34
Nov. 8	At Chicago	(+2)	41-21
Nov. 15	Seattle	(-8)	31-20
Nov. 22	At St. Louis	(-9)	21-13
Nov. 29	At Tennessee	(+3.5)	17-20
Dec. 6	Minnesota	(+3.5)	30-17
Dec. 14	At San Francisco	(-4)	9-24
Dec. 20	At Detroit	(-14)	31-24
Dec. 27	St. Louis	(-16.5)	31-10
Jan. 3	Green Bay	(-3)	7-33
POSTSEASON			
Jan. 10	Green Bay	(+3)	51-45*
Jan. 16	At New Orleans	(+7)	14-45

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**S.F.**	**@JAX.**	**IND.**	**HOU.**	**@SEA.**	**@N.Y.G.**	**CAR.**	**@CHI.**	**SEA.**	**@ST.L.**	**@TEN.**	**MINN.**	**@S.F.**	**@DET.**	**ST.L.**	**G.B.**	
Score	16-20	31-17	10-31	28-21	27-3	24-17	21-34	41-21	31-20	21-13	17-20	30-17	9-24	31-24	31-10	7-33	
Total net yards	299	383	323	340	344	288	320	438	462	444	292	398	245	340	407	187	5510
Rushing yards	40	118	24	44	62	72	94	182	122	183	75	113	85	122	110	48	1494
Passing yards	259	265	299	296	282	216	226	256	340	261	217	285	160	218	297	139	4016
Rushing plays	17	28	12	16	26	22	17	31	30	30	20	25	18	27	32	14	365
Sacks allowed	3	0	4	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	4	2	2	0	26
Had intercepted	2	0	2	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	18
Fumbles lost	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	2	1	0	18
Yards penalized	82	58	35	40	76	60	35	15	136	40	25	50	78	65	15	76	886
Punts	6	3	6	7	6	8	4	4	7	5	6	3	4	7	6	4	86

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	31:37	28:39	31:42	33:25	17:10	30:16	32:58	26:44	28:30	28:22	31:07	31:17	36:45	30:17	25:49	37:27	30:08
Total net yards	203	367	505	416	128	327	355	417	472	314	532	315	327	282	238	345	5543
Rushing yards	21	92	126	45	14	107	270	70	164	123	163	62	189	161	88	109	1804
Passing yards	182	275	379	371	114	220	85	347	308	191	369	253	138	121	150	236	3739
Rushing plays	25	20	31	21	11	26	44	12	24	27	23	20	36	27	21	34	402
Sacks allowed	4	4	0	0	5	3	1	4	4	3	4	3	1	2	4	1	43
Had intercepted	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	3	1	21
Fumbles lost	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	8
Yards penalized	31	50	69	53	56	30	72	89	113	50	38	50	55	45	20	19	840
Punts	8	4	4	5	8	7	6	4	7	4	4	6	5	5	5	2	84

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *

RUSHING

Breaston								1-25-0				1-19-0					2-44-0
Hightower	8-15-0	15-72-1	9-22-0	6-17-1	13-32-1	4-9-1	8-39-1	15-77-0	10-37-0	14-110-0	11-55-1	6-50-0	2-3-0	6-4-1	10-32-1	6-24-0	143-598-8
Stephens-Howling		1-2-0				1-(-1)-0		1-5-0					1-3-0		1-3-0	1-3-0	6-15-0
Warner	2-(-4)-0	1-(-1)-0		2-0-0		3-(-3)-0	1-8-0	1-3-0	4-0-0	1-0-0		3-(-1)-0		2-(-2)-0	1-10-0		21-10-0
B. Wells	7-29-0	7-44-0	2-(-2)-0	7-24-0	12-29-0	14-67-1	8-47-0	13-72-0	16-85-2	14-74-1	8-20-0	13-28-0	15-79-1	17-110-1	17-68-1	6-19-0	176-793-7

PASSING **

Leinart		3-6-0 22-0	2-2-0 7-0		2-2-0 16-0			0-1-1 0-0		10-14-0 74-0	21-31-0 220-0					13-21-2 96-0	51-77-3 435-0
Warner	26-44-2 288-1	24-26-0 243-2	30-52-2 332-1	26-38-0 302-2	32-41-1 276-2	20-36-1 231-1	27-46-5 242-2	22-32-0 261-5	29-38-0 340-2	15-19-0 203-2		22-32-0 285-3	16-29-2 178-0	22-36-1 228-1	24-38-0 313-2	4-6-0 31-0	339-513-14 3753-26

RECEIVING

Becht		1-16-0	1-11-0	1-5-0		1-8-0	1-7-0	1-15-1		1-(-1)-0							7-61-1
Boldin	2-19-0	8-69-0	6-83-1	7-81-0	6-54-0	3-75-0	3-23-0		8-105-0	8-103-1	5-53-0	7-98-2	5-40-0	5-67-0	8-116-0	3-38-0	84-1024-4
Breaston		5-83-0	7-94-0	4-66-0	7-77-1	1-23-0	6-57-0	5-66-1	4-79-1		4-26-0	1-8-0	1-15-0	3-38-0	4-64-0	3-16-0	55-712-3
Doucet								4-31-0	1-8-0	1-20-0	1-28-0	2-15-0	2-41-0		2-43-1	4-28-0	17-214-1
Fitzgerald	6-71-1	4-34-1	7-76-0	5-79-2	13-100-1	6-83-0	6-66-0	9-123-2	7-73-1	8-87-1	4-34-0	8-143-1	2-22-0	4-36-1	5-48-1	3-17-1	97-1092-13
Hightower	12-121-0	3-12-0	5-39-0	5-30-0	4-26-0	2-11-0	8-57-0	1-11-0	5-21-0	2-15-0	3-23-0	1-8-0	2-13-0	6-34-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	63-428-0
Patrick					1-10-0	2-14-0	2-18-1	2-15-1		1-27-0	1-23-0	1-7-0		2-32-0			12-146-2
Stephens-Howling		2-14-0	1-8-0				1-14-1		2-22-0			1-2-0	3-23-0				10-83-1
Urban	5-74-0	2-25-0	2-14-0	4-41-0	2-18-0	1-1-0										2-13-0	18-186-0
B. Wells					1-7-0	3-10-0			2-32-0	2-11-0	1-21-0		1-24-0	1-13-0	1-25-0		12-143-0
J. Wright		1-5-1	1-5-0			1-6-1				1-8-0	1-10-0	1-4-0			2-14-0	1-1-0	9-53-2

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Dan Williams	NT	Tennessee	26
2	Daryl Washington	ILB	TCU	47
3	Andre Roberts	WR	The Citadel	88
4	O'Brien Schofield	OLB	Wisconsin	130
5	John Skelton	QB	Fordham	155
6	Jorrick Calvin	CB	Troy	201
7	Jim Dray	TE	Stanford	233

D. WILLIAMS

nell Dockett is a high-energy, havoc-producing force who tied for the team lead in sacks (seven) with DE Calais Campbell and registered a career-high 15 tackles for loss. A tremendous athlete with a mean streak and a wickedly quick first step, Dockett has become a defender opposing offenses must account for on every play. The long-armed Campbell didn't miss a beat replacing Antonio Smith. He is physically gifted and extremely conscientious, and he plays with excellent leverage, despite his 6-foot-8 height. First-rounder Dan Williams, a tenacious wide-body with good stamina, shapes up as the starting nose tackle. Backing him up will be Gabe Watson, a five-year veteran who has yet to prove himself as a starter, and veteran Bryan Robinson, who should serve as a valuable mentor to Williams. Alan Branch looks more comfortable after switching from tackle to end, but he could still stand to lose 15-20 pounds. Kenny Iwebema backs up Campbell. Keilen Dykes, who spent much of '09 on injured reserve, could be a key backup both inside and outside.

LINEBACKERS

With 92 career sacks, including nine last season as a part-time player in Miami, four-time Pro Bowler Joey Porter ranks behind only Jason Taylor among active sackers. Still capable of winning most one-on-one matchups, he brings a swagger and a proven winner's mentality to the locker room in addition to a badly needed burst off the edge. But he also brings his share of well-documented baggage, both on and off the field. The left outside spot is in the capable hands of 33-year-old Clark Haggans, who played with Porter in Pittsburgh. Haggans was among the team's most consistent defenders in '09, leading the team with 16 QB pressures despite not being a regular in nickel and dime packages. Starting ILB Gerald Hayes is a hard-hitting, blue-collar run stuffer who is productive when healthy. But he was clearly limited by a back problem for much of the second half of '09 and could be starting to slow down. Second-rounder Daryl Washington, considered the most athletic linebacker in this year's draft by Cardinals GM Rod Graves, will battle versatile veteran free-agent addition Paris Lenon for the starting ILB job that opened up when Karlos Dansby signed with Miami. Lenon started the final nine games at weak-side linebacker for the Rams in '09. Seasoned veteran Monty Beisel is a versatile backup both inside and outside. Cody Brown and Will Davis will be groomed by Porter. Brown, a second-round pick in '09, missed his rookie season with a fractured wrist. Davis, a sixth-round pick, was taking snaps away from the retired Bertrand Berry when a knee injury delayed his progress. Second-year pro Reggie Walker; Mark Washington, a late-season practice-squad addition in '09; and fourth-rounder O'Brien Schofield, who could conceivably sit out the season after injuring his knee at the Senior Bowl, also have good potential.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

LCB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie had a career-high six interceptions — the most by a Cardinal since Dexter Jackson had six in 2003 — and a team-high three forced fumbles. He has great natural skills, 4.3 speed, long arms and the ability to blanket almost any receiver. But he takes too many risks looking to make the big play and is a weak tackler with too short of an attention span. At right

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**11 FITZGERALD**	80 Doucet	16 Gant
OLT	**75 L. BROWN**	79 Palmer	
OLG	**66 FANECA**	74 R. Wells	70 Hadnot
C	**63 SENDLEIN**	62 Claxton	
ORG	**76 LUTUI**	67 H. Johnson	
ORT	**73 BRIDGES**	72 Keith	
TE	**84 BECHT**	89 Patrick	83 Spach
WR	**15 BREASTON**	12 Roberts*	17 O. Jones
QB	**7 LEINART**	3 Anderson	19 Skelton*
RB	**26 B. WELLS**	34 Hightower	31 Wright
FB	**32 BROUGHTON**	45 Maui'a	
DEFENSE			
DE	**93 CAMPBELL**	78 Branch	91 Iwebema
NT	**92 D. WILLIAMS***	97 Robinson	98 Watson
DT	**90 DOCKETT**	94 Dykes	
ROLB	**55 PORTER**	59 Davis	
ILB	**51 LENON**	58 D. Washington*	96 M. Washington
ILB	**54 HAYES**	52 Beisel	56 Walker
LOLB	**53 HAGGANS**	50 C. Brown	48 Schofield*
RCB	**28 TOLER**	27 Adams	23 Barksdale
LCB	**29 RODGERS-CROMARTIE**	37 McBride	21 Calvin*
SS	**24 WILSON**	22 Ware	41 Abdullah
FS	**25 RHODES**	49 R. Johnson	44 H. Jones
SPECIALISTS			
P	**5 GRAHAM**		
PK	**4 FEELY**		
H	**5 GRAHAM**		
PR	**12 ROBERTS***	31 Wright	21 Calvin*
KR	**36 STEPHENS-HOWLING**	31 Wright	21 Calvin*
LS	**82 LEACH**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Ron Aiken, *defensive line*; Rick Courtright, *assistant defensive backs*; Bill Davis, *defensive coordinator*; Chad Grimm, *offensive quality control*; Russ Grimm, *assistant head coach/offensive line/running-game coordinator*; Donnie Henderson, defensive backs; Freddie Kitchens, *tight ends*; John Lott, *strength and conditioning*; John McNulty, *receivers*; Chris Miller, *quarterbacks*; Mike Miller, *passing-game coordinator*; Matt Raich, *linebackers*; Tommie Robinson, running backs; Ryan Slowik, *defensive quality control*; Kevin Spencer, *special teams*; Ken Whisenhunt, *head coach*.

cornerback, promising second-year pro Greg Toler replaces Bryant McFadden, who was traded to the Steelers after failing to provide the upgrade over '08 starter Rod Hood that the team expected. Toler impressed coaches with both his physical and mental attributes in his rookie season. Adrian Wilson remains an elite in-the-box safety who plays linebacker in the dime. One of only 10 players in NFL history to record at least 20 sacks and 20 interceptions, he is a superb tackler and an effective blitzer. But Wilson will bite on play fakes and struggle when matched up against speedy tight ends. Kerry Rhodes was a mostly reliable starting free safety for five years with the Jets. Rhodes earns high marks from new Cardinals secondary coach Donnie Henderson, who was previously Rhodes' defensive coordinator in New York. But Rhodes also has his share of detractors who claim he is selfish and lacks accountability. Undersized but feisty Michael Adams, ex-Bear Trumaine McBride and sixth-rounder Jorrick Calvin add depth at cornerback. Matt Ware, Hamza Abdullah and Rashad Johnson, who was disappointing as a rookie last season, add depth at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Veteran Jay Feely replaces Neil Rackers as the Cardinals' placekicker. Feely made 30-of-36 FG attempts for the Jets in '09, including a 55-yarder. Australian left-footed P Ben Graham was magnificent in '09 with a league-record-tying 42 punts inside the 20. LaRod Stephens-Howling returned one kickoff for a touchdown and was outstanding getting down the field in coverage. Third-rounder Andre Roberts is the front runner to replace Steve Breaston as the new punt returner.

SUMMARY

Ken Whisenhunt has done everything right in the desert up to now. But with things suddenly becoming very different on offense without Kurt Warner and on defense without Karlos Dansby, the cards have never been stacked against him like they will be in 2010.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
41	Abdullah, Hamza	S	6-2	216	6	Washington State	1/0
27	Adams, Michael	CB	5-8	181	4	Louisiana-Lafayette	16/1
3	Anderson, Derek	QB	6-6	230	6	Oregon State	8/7
57	Baggs, Stevie	LB	6-1	241	1	Bethune-Cookman	0/0
23	Barksdale, Rashad	CB	6-0	208	2	Albany State (N.Y.)	0/0
84	Becht, Anthony	TE	6-6	270	11	West Virginia	16/10
52	Beisel, Monty	LB	6-3	244	10	Kansas State	6/0
78	Branch, Alan	DE-DT	6-5	338	4	Michigan	16/0
15	Breaston, Steve	WR	6-0	189	4	Michigan	15/6
73	Bridges, Jeremy	OT	6-4	326	8	Southern Mississippi	16/4
32	Broughton, Nehemiah	FB	5-11	255	4	The Citadel	0/0
50	Brown, Cody	LB	6-3	244	2	Connecticut	0/0
75	Brown, Levi	OT	6-5	324	4	Penn State	16/16
86	Byrd, Dominique	TE	6-3	255	4	USC	0/0
21	Calvin, Jorrick	CB	5-10	184	R	Troy	
93	Campbell, Calais	DE	6-8	290	3	Miami (Fla.)	16/15
71	Clark, Jeremy	DE	6-3	309	2	Alabama	0/0
62	Claxton, Ben	C	6-2	301	4	Mississippi	1/0
59	Davis, Will	LB	6-2	261	2	Illinois	11/0
90	Dockett, Darnell	DT	6-4	285	7	Florida State	16/16
80	Doucet, Early	WR	6-0	212	3	LSU	9/0
81	Dray, Jim	TE	6-5	255	R	Stanford	
94	Dykes, Keilen	DT	6-3	305	2	West Virginia	2/0
66	Faneca, Alan	OG	6-5	305	13	LSU	16/16
4	Feely, Jay	PK	5-10	205	10	Michigan	16/0
11	Fitzgerald, Larry	WR	6-3	217	7	Pittsburgh	16/16
16	Gant, Edward	WR	6-3	190	1	North Alabama	0/0
5	Graham, Ben	P	6-5	235	6	Deakin (Australia)	16/0
30	Green, Marshay	CB	5-9	175	R	Mississippi	
70	Hadnot, Rex	OG-C	6-2	320	7	Houston	9/6
53	Haggans, Clark	LB	6-4	243	11	Colorado State	16/14
6	Hall, Max	QB	6-1	201	R	Brigham Young	
54	Hayes, Gerald	LB	6-1	246	8	Pittsburgh	14/13
95	Highsmith, Ali	LB	6-1	230	3	LSU	14/2
34	Hightower, Tim	RB	6-0	222	3	Richmond	16/16
91	Iwebema, Kenny	DE	6-4	280	3	Iowa	11/0
20	Jefferson, A.J.	CB	6-0	190	R	Fresno State	
67	Johnson, Herman	OG-OT	6-7	382	2	LSU	0/0
49	Johnson, Rashad	S	5-11	203	2	Alabama	10/1
44	Jones, Herana-Daze	S	5-11	206	5	Indiana	1/0
17	Jones, Onrea	WR	6-0	202	1	Hampton	0/0
65	Kees, Ryan	DE	6-6	275	1	St. Cloud State	0/0
72	Keith, Brandon	OT	6-5	338	3	Northern Iowa	3/0
69	Knips, Casey	OT	6-8	300	R	South Dakota State	
18	Komar, Max	WR	5-11	202	R	Idaho	
82	Leach, Mike	LS	6-2	238	11	William & Mary	16/0
7	Leinart, Matt	QB	6-5	232	5	USC	8/1
51	Lenon, Paris	LB	6-2	235	9	Richmond	15/10
76	Lutui, Deuce (RFA)	OG	6-4	338	5	USC	16/16
45	Maui'a, Reagan	FB	6-0	260	3	Hawaii	0/0
37	McBride, Trumaine	CB	5-9	181	4	Mississippi	1/0
60	Moosman, David	C	6-5	293	R	Michigan	
85	Mougey, Darren	WR	6-5	215	1	San Diego State	0/0
64	Muhtadi, Dean	DE-DT	6-3	296	1	Maryland	0/0
79	Palmer, Jonathan	OT-OG	6-4	336	1	Auburn	0/0
89	Patrick, Ben	TE	6-3	264	4	Delaware	9/7
68	Pestock, Tom	OG-OT	6-6	317	1	NW Missouri State	0/0
55	Porter, Joey	LB	6-3	255	12	Colorado State	14/14
25	Rhodes, Kerry	S	6-3	214	6	Louisville	16/14
12	Roberts, Andre	WR	5-11	195	R	The Citadel	
97	Robinson, Bryan	NT	6-4	304	14	Fresno State	16/15
29	Rodgers-Cromartie, Dominique	CB	6-2	182	3	Tennessee State	16/16
48	Schofield, O'Brien	LB	6-2	231	R	Wisconsin	
63	Sendlein, Lyle	C	6-3	305	4	Texas	16/16
19	Skelton, John	QB	6-5	244	R	Fordham	
46	Smith, Alfonso	RB	6-1	208	R	Kentucky	
83	Spach, Stephen	TE	6-4	260	5	Fresno State	7/5
36	Stephens-Howling, LaRod	RB	5-7	180	2	Pittsburgh	16/2
87	Stewart, Juamorris	WR	6-3	205	R	Southern	
28	Toler, Greg	CB	6-0	191	2	Saint Paul's (Va.)	13/0
61	Tyler, Devin	OT	6-7	308	R	Temple	
56	Walker, Reggie	LB	6-0	238	2	Kansas State	7/0
22	Ware, Matt	S	6-2	215	7	UCLA	11/1
58	Washington, Daryl	LB	6-2	230	R	TCU	
96	Washington, Mark	LB	6-3	245	2	Texas St.-San Marcos	0/0
98	Watson, Gabe	NT	6-4	329	5	Michigan	16/0
26	Wells, Beanie	RB	6-1	228	2	Ohio State	16/0
74	Wells, Reggie	OG	6-4	312	8	Clarion (Pa.)	16/16
92	Williams, Dan	NT	6-2	327	R	Tennessee	
14	Williams, Stephen	WR	6-5	199	R	Toledo	
24	Wilson, Adrian	S	6-3	226	10	North Carolina State	16/16
31	Wright, Jason	RB	5-10	212	7	Northwestern	16/0

3 SEATTLE Seahawks

2010 PREDICTION: 6-10 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 5-11 *(THIRD PLACE IN NFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

P. CARROLL

HEAD COACH: Pete Carroll
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Jeremy Bates
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Gus Bradley
CHAIRMAN: Paul G. Allen
STADIUM: Qwest Field | **CAPACITY:** 67,000
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.seahawks.com

After finishing with a disappointing 5-11 record and looking like the worst team in the league the final month of the 2009 season, the Seahawks sent major shock waves through the Pacific Northwest when they pulled the plug on head coach Jim Mora after only one season and replaced him with Pete Carroll, the most successful college coach of the past decade at USC.

With the assistance of new general manager John Schneider, who was hired after a six-week search to replace the beleaguered Tim Ruskell, who was forced to resign in early December five weeks before his five-year contract was due to expire, Carroll wasted no time initiating a bold makeover of a team that suffered nine of its 11 losses by double-digit margins and won only one game on the road in '09.

In advance of the draft, the Seahawks released veteran starting SS Deon Grant, who never missed a game in three seasons; traded DE Darryl Tapp to the Eagles in exchange for DE Chris Clemons and a fourth-round pick; and raised eyebrows around the league when they paid a hefty price, both in draft picks and salary, in a trade with the Chargers for QB Charlie Whitehurst, who did not throw a single regular-season pass during his four seasons in San Diego.

The makeover continued in late April with the addition of high-profile first-rounders Russell Okung and Earl Thomas and the acquisitions of veteran RBs LenDale White and Leon Washington.

SPORTPICS

JOHN CARLSON

OFFENSE

The Seahawks are installing their third system in three seasons. The new coordinator is Jeremy Bates, who spent three seasons as the QB coach in Denver before Pete Carroll hired him to be his coordinator at USC last season. Bates hopes to install a balanced offense with zone-blocking guru Alex Gibbs in charge of an offensive line that struggled with the zone scheme implemented in 2009 by departed coordinator Greg Knapp.

QUARTERBACKS

Although newly acquired Charlie Whitehurst is envisioned as the quarterback of the future, the Seahawks claim to be firmly committed to veteran three-time Pro Bowler Matt Hasselbeck for at least one more season. Entering the final year of his contract, the 34-year-old Hasselbeck is coming off one of his worst seasons at the pro level. He was particularly shaky down the stretch, throwing nine of his career-high 17 interceptions in the final three games, including back-to-back four-pick debacles. He also had trouble holding on to the ball, in great part due to botched exchanges from center, and had difficulty staying healthy for the third time in the past four seasons. Hindered by an inconsistent offensive line and a group of receivers unable to consistently create separation, he clearly tried to force the issue. But Pete Carroll appears

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

TE Chris Baker, DE Chris Clemons, OG Ben Hamilton, DE Robert Henderson, LB Matt McCoy, WR Sean Morey, RB-RS Leon Washington, RB LenDale White.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

SS Deon Grant, DE Patrick Kerney, DL Cory Redding, OG Rob Sims, DE Darryl Tapp, QB Seneca Wallace.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP TE John Carlson

DEFENSIVE MVP OLB Aaron Curry

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER OLT Russell Okung

POSITION BATTLE RB: Open competition

J. CARLSON

A. CURRY

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C+	C+	C+	C+	C	B	C	B

to have faith in Hasselbeck's leadership ability, decision making, accuracy and mobility, all of which have been major strengths in the past. As for Whitehurst, the Seahawks love his size (6-4, 220), arm strength, athleticism and ability to move in the pocket but likely will keep him in moth balls for at least one more season, unless Hasselbeck gets hurt.

RUNNING BACKS

At USC, Pete Carroll preferred a ground game featuring multiple backs with different strengths, as opposed to one primary ballcarrier. A similar game plan is likely in Seattle with Julius Jones, the diminutive Justin Forsett and draft-weekend trade acquisitions LenDale White and Leon Washington all figuring in the mix. Jones' one-cut-and-go style is well-suited to the offense's zone scheme, and he made major strides catching the ball out of the backfield with a 39-yard TD catch against the Bears and a 49-yard catch against the Lions after failing to catch a TD pass in his first five seasons. The elusive Forsett was a very effective jack-of-all-trades as a runner, receiver and kick returner, hiding behind blockers before bursting into open spaces and displaying big-time big-play ability (5.4 yards per carry). If Washington is sufficiently recovered from a broken leg suffered late last October against Oakland, he offers the same dynamic versatility as Forsett. White, who played under Carroll at USC, has had issues with motivation and weight but was very productive for a spell with the Titans before Chris Johnson became Tennessee's centerpiece. Quinton Ganther, who played under new Seahawks RB coach Sherman Smith in both Washington ('09) and Tennessee ('07), and former Raider Louis Rankin add more depth. Serviceable veteran Justin Griffith and hard-hitting Owen Schmitt figure to share the load at fullback.

RECEIVERS

In the first year of a five-year, $40 million deal, T.J. Houshmandzadeh was far from pleased with his team-leading 79 catches for 911 yards after averaging 89-1,012 in his previous five seasons in Cincinnati. A precise route runner who consistently produces over the middle, Houshmandzadeh's huge competitive desire was not always on display in a good way, as he had a knack for openly showing his frustration when the ball was not thrown his way when he thought he was open. The only receiver consistently capable of stretching the field in '09 was Nate Burleson, who signed with Detroit. The hope is that second-rounder Golden Tate, who provides an excellent run-after-the-catch dimension, will fill that void. Also in the mix are '09 third-round draft pick Deon Butler, a willing worker who displayed intriguing flashes, and possibly Deion Branch, who has been a major disappointment since being acquired in a trade four years ago from New England. Branch could get a new lease on life from Pete Carroll, who said he liked the way Branch looked at the end of '09. Ben Obomanu and possibly former first-rounders Mike Williams and Reggie Williams (no relation) could make an impact. Second-year TE John Carlson, the team's leading receiver as a rookie, started and finished strong in '09 but was otherwise inconsistent, as he was forced into more of a blocking role due to a host of injuries on the O-line. Jeremy Bates is a big proponent of two-TE sets, and 258-pound free-agent addition Chris Baker should give the offense flexibility in the way it uses Carlson in various formations.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

First-round draft pick Russell Okung was immediately anointed the replacement at left tackle for retired nine-time Pro Bowler Walter Jones. Okung has rare size, outstanding balance and long arms, and O-line coach Alex Gibbs quickly fell in love with Okung's 24/7 commitment to football. Sean Locklear, who missed six games last season with a serious high ankle sprain and was mediocre at best replacing Jones, is expected to remain at his natural ORT position. Max Unger, who seamlessly switched from right guard to center late last season, is back at right guard. Unger is tough, tenacious and rarely makes the same mistake twice, no matter what position he plays. Former first-round draft pick Chris Spencer apparently is back as the starting center, despite his inconsistency in that role up to now. Spencer's quickness off the ball and natural nasty streak has earned high marks from the team's new offensive coaching staff. Veteran free-agent addition Ben Hamilton, who played under Gibbs in Denver, is expected to start at left guard and serve as a mentor to Okung the same way he did for OLT Ryan Clady with the Broncos. Offensive captain and emotional leader Ray Willis shapes up as a key "sixth man." Tenacious Mike Gibson, who showed some promise at right guard in '09 after being signed off the Eagles' practice squad; C-OG Steve Vallos; and OG Mansfield Wrotto add more depth.

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	San Francisco	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Denver	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	San Diego	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	at St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	BYE	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Arizona	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Oakland	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 7	N.Y. Giants	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	at New Orleans	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 28	Kansas City	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 5	Carolina	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	at San Francisco	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 19	Atlanta	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 26	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	St. Louis	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to Seattle

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	St. Louis	(-7.5)	28-0
Sept. 20	At San Francisco	(+1)	10-23
Sept. 27	Chicago	(+3)	19-25
Oct. 4	At Indianapolis	(+10.5)	17-34
Oct. 11	Jacksonville	(-1.5)	41-0
Oct. 18	Arizona	(-3)	3-27
Oct. 25	BYE		
Nov. 1	At Dallas	(+10)	17-38
Nov. 8	Detroit	(-11)	32-20
Nov. 15	At Arizona	(+8)	20-31
Nov. 22	At Minnesota	(+10.5)	9-35
Nov. 29	At St. Louis	(-3.5)	27-17
Dec. 6	San Francisco	(+1)	20-17
Dec. 13	At Houston	(+7)	7-34
Dec. 20	Tampa Bay	(-6.5)	7-24
Dec. 27	At Green Bay	(+13.5)	10-48
Jan. 3	Tennessee	(+6)	13-17

DEFENSE

Pete Carroll plans on sticking with a 4-3 base with some 3-4 principles, including a stand-up defensive end on the weak side. Defensive coordinator Gus Bradley and defensive line coach Dan Quinn were the only coaches from Jim Mora's staff that were retained by Carroll.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The defense needs to come up with a new primary pass rusher to replace the retired

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 8	WK 9	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	**ST.L.**	**@S.F.**	**CHI.**	**@IND.**	**JAX.**	**ARIZ.**	**@DALL.**	**DET.**	**@ARIZ.**	**@MINN.**	**@ST.L.**	**S.F.**	**@HOU.**	**T.B.**	**@G.B.**	**TEN.**	
Score	28-0	10-23	19-25	17-34	41-0	3-27	17-38	32-20	20-31	9-35	27-17	20-17	7-34	7-24	10-48	13-17	
Total net yards	446	283	346	279	379	128	308	397	472	212	265	292	282	380	291	309	5069
Rushing yards	167	66	103	49	143	14	79	55	164	4	170	107	62	128	115	140	1566
Passing yards	279	217	243	230	236	114	229	342	308	208	95	185	220	252	176	169	3503
Rushing plays	34	23	28	19	40	11	22	18	24	12	31	29	24	25	29	26	395
Sacks allowed	0	1	3	5	1	5	3	1	4	2	1	5	3	1	3	3	41
Had intercepted	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	4	4	1	19
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	12
Yards penalized	25	45	45	45	10	56	53	45	113	64	52	48	63	50	86	40	840
Punts	5	7	2	5	3	8	6	3	7	7	5	10	7	4	4	6	89

OPPONENT STATISTICS

Time of poss.***	27:33	34:31	30:24	28:54	25:16	42:50	34:45	29:18	31:30	42:11	33:32	28:49	33:36	32:04	32:14	32:22	32:29
Total net yards	247	379	318	431	199	344	362	300	462	431	364	356	450	339	417	304	5703
Rushing yards	77	256	85	78	38	62	113	114	122	160	113	53	85	134	153	133	1776
Passing yards	170	123	233	353	161	282	249	186	340	271	251	303	365	205	264	171	3927
Rushing plays	18	29	28	22	15	26	29	21	30	37	28	12	28	34	32	39	428
Sacks allowed	3	4	2	0	5	2	2	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	28
Had intercepted	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	13
Fumbles lost	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
Yards penalized	85	54	60	48	73	76	43	77	136	31	35	57	35	35	50	76	971
Punts	8	6	4	2	8	6	4	2	7	5	5	9	4	4	4	4	82

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS*

RUSHING

Forsett	3-17-0	5-35-0	2-4-0		6-43-0	2-4-0	1-6-0	1-14-0	17-123-1	8-9-1	22-130-2	5-9-0	9-26-0	9-55-0	14-70-0	10-74-0	114-619-4
Hasselbeck	1-3-0	3-12-0			3-23-0	1-2-0		1-5-0	2-7-0	2-4-0	3-18-0	4-31-0	2-0-0	1-3-0	1-6-0	2-5-0	26-119-0
James	11-30-0	2-6-0	4-7-0	4-16-0	16-46-0	3-3-0	6-17-0										46-125-0
J. Jones	19-117-1	8-11-0	19-98-0	11-25-0	12-34-0	5-5-0	15-56-0	16-36-1	2-10-0			20-67-0	10-39-0	12-65-0	14-39-0	14-61-0	177-663-2
Rankin									3-24-0		5-12-0						8-36-0
S. Wallace		4-1-0	1-0-0	4-8-1	3-(-3)-0					1-(-9)-0	1-10-0		2-(-5)-0				16-2-1

PASSING **

Hasselbeck	25-36-2 279-3	10-18-0 97-0			18-30-0 241-4	10-29-1 112-0	22-39-0 249-2	39-51-1 329-1	26-52-2 315-1	19-26-1 231-0	14-25-0 102-0	25-34-0 198-2	24-35-1 247-1	27-46-4 256-1	19-37-4 198-1	15-30-1 175-1	293-488-17 3029-17
S. Wallace		15-23-1 127-1	26-44-1 261-1	33-45-0 257-1				1-1-0 15-0	1-1-0 16-0	0-3-0 0-0		1-1-0 7-0	0-1-0 0-0			1-1-0 17-0	78-120-2 700-3

RECEIVING

Branch			2-13-0	6-49-0	2-23-0	2-9-0	3-36-1	3-25-0	4-50-0	1-15-0	3-19-0	1-7-1	5-33-0	4-28-0	5-53-0	4-77-0	45-437-2
Burleson	7-74-1	4-46-0	9-109-0	4-31-0	6-98-2	2-40-0	6-89-0	7-75-0		6-100-0	4-46-0	5-54-0	3-50-0				63-812-3
Butler	1-7-0	1-15-0	1-8-0					1-8-0	3-26-0			1-32-0	3-34-0	3-30-0	1-15-0		15-175-0
Carlson	6-95-2	6-46-0	3-28-0	5-39-0	2-31-0	2-55-0	3-36-0	6-42-0	1-31-1		2-14-0	1-9-0	3-24-1	7-86-1	2-24-1	2-14-1	51-574-7
Forsett		6-57-0		3-8-0		1-16-0	1-14-0	5-45-0	5-26-0	8-80-0		3-25-1	4-47-0	2-14-0	1-4-0	2-14-0	41-350-1
Griffith	1-1-0	1-0-0					2-12-1	5-33-0	1-4-0		2-8-0	3-25-0	1-3-0	1-23-0		2-9-0	19-118-1
Houshmandzadeh	6-48-0	4-62-0	4-35-0	8-103-0	5-77-2	4-34-0	4-24-0	6-34-1	9-165-0	4-36-0	2-14-0	5-37-0	4-52-0	7-73-0	4-51-0	3-66-0	79-911-3
J. Jones	2-19-0	3-(-2)-1	3-38-1	3-10-0	1-2-0		2-32-0	6-78-0				5-(-3)-0	1-4-0	2-0-0	6-51-0	1-3-0	35-232-2
Obomanu	1-11-0		1-11-0									1-12-0				1-7-0	4-41-0
O. Schmitt			1-10-0	2-3-1	1-3-0			1-4-0			1-1-0						6-21-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Russell Okung	OLT	Oklahoma State	6
1	Earl Thomas	FS	Texas	14
2	Golden Tate	WR	Notre Dame	60
4	Walter Thurmond	CB	Oregon	111
4	E.J. Wilson	DE	North Carolina	127
5	Kam Chancellor	SS	Virginia Tech	133
6	Anthony McCoy	TE	USC	185
7	Dexter Davis	OLB	Arizona State	236
7	Jameson Konz	WR	Kent State	245

R. OKUNG

Patrick Kerney, who registered a team-leading five sacks in '09. DRE Lawrence Jackson, a former first-round draft pick who played for Pete Carroll at USC, was the only Seattle D-lineman to improve his pass rush last season. But after recording three sacks in the first two games, he managed only 1¼ sacks in the last 14 games. The best bet to start at left end is newcomer Chris Clemons, who had a career-high eight sacks in '07 with the Raiders but collected only seven sacks in two seasons with the Eagles as a part-time defender. It was hoped DT Brandon Mebane would become more of an inside pass rusher in the three-technique role last season after the team signed stout 330-pound ex-Packer Colin Cole to play nose tackle and plug up the middle. But both Mebane and Cole were only so-so. Craig Terrill, Red Bryant and Kevin Vickerson, obtained from the Titans along with White, offer decent depth inside. Providing depth on the edges are undersized but resourceful Nick Reed; Robert Henderson, who was obtained in a trade with Detroit in exchange for OG Rob Sims; fourth-rounder E.J. Wilson; and CFL product Rickey Foley.

LINEBACKERS

2009 first-round draft pick Aaron Curry started strong but faded down the stretch and missed the last two games with a shoulder injury. Curry was a dominating force in spurts displaying a rare blend of speed, athleticism, natural instincts and intensity. But he often played out of control trying to make every tackle by himself and admittedly got worn down in an every-down role. He is a prime candidate to fill the "elephant" role as a roving stand-up pass-rushing end that Pete Carroll used at USC. The defense sorely missed the leadership and play-calling acumen of MLB Lofa Tatupu, who suffered a season-ending torn pectoral muscle in the sixth game last season. OLB Leroy Hill's punishing, physical style has made him susceptible to prolonged injuries the past two years. After signing a lucrative contract, he suffered a groin injury in the season opener. He was forced to miss the next four games and never really got his act together. The previous season, Hill missed the final four games with a pinched nerve in his neck. It's quite possible recent off-the-field legal charges against Hill could result in a suspension of some sort in 2010. David "Heater" Hawthorne did an outstanding job filling in for Tatupu, who served as a willing mentor to Hawthorne on the sideline. In his first start in place of Tatupu, Hawthorne made 16 tackles and went on to lead the team with 117 tackles, tie for the team lead with three interceptions and finish third on the team with four sacks in only 11 starts. Veteran D.D. Lewis (if he re-signs), ex-Buccaneer Matt McCoy and seventh-rounder Dexter Davis add depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

LCB Marcus Trufant suffered what was ultimately diagnosed as a disc injury at the start of training camp that initially was not expected to be a long-term concern. But he ended up missing the first six games after being placed on the physically-unable-to-perform list and never was quite able to regain the burst and makeup speed that had previously made him one of the league's premier cornerbacks. Pass-interference penalties were also a major problem for Trufant. Generously listed at 5-9, 190, RCB Josh Wilson played with a constant chip on his shoul-

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE			
WR	**81 TATE***	11 Butler	87 Obomanu
OLT	**76 OKUNG***	74 Willis	
OLG	**50 HAMILTON**	64 Gibson	
C	**65 SPENCER**	60 Unger	69 Vallos
ORG	**60 UNGER**	66 Wrotto	61 Erickson
ORT	**75 LOCKLEAR**	74 Willis	
TE	**89 CARLSON**	86 Baker	85 A. McCoy
WR	**84 HOUSHMANDZADEH**	83 Branch	1 M. Williams
QB	**8 HASSELBECK**	6 Whitehurst	14 Teel
RB	**22 J. JONES**	20 Forsett	24 White
FB	**33 GRIFFITH**	35 Schmitt	
DEFENSE			
DLE	**91 CLEMONS**	98 Reed	55 Foley
DLT	**92 MEBANE**	93 Terrill	94 Vickerson
DRT	**90 COLE**	79 Bryant	
DRE	**95 JACKSON**	99 Henderson	97 E. Wilson*
OLB	**59 CURRY**	52 M. McCoy	58 Davis*
MLB	**51 TATUPU**	57 Hawthorne	
OLB	**56 HILL**	54 Herring	
LCB	**23 TRUFANT**	21 Jennings	
RCB	**26 J. WILSON**	28 Thurmond*	34 Lewis
SS	**27 BABINEAUX**	31 Chancellor*	25 Adams
FS	**29 THOMAS***	Teal	39 Cox
SPECIALISTS			
P	**9 RYAN**		
PK	**10 MARE**		
H	**9 RYAN**		
PR	**20 FORSETT**	30 Washington	81 Tate*
KR	**20 FORSETT**	30 Whitington	81 Tate*
LS	**44 MacDONALD**	Overton	

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Jeremy Bates, *offensive coordinator*; Gus Bradley, *defensive coordinator*; Kippy Brown, *wide receivers*; Luke Butkus, *quality control/offensive line*; Dave Canales, *quality control offense*; Chris Carlisle, *strength and conditioning*; Pete Carroll, *head coach*; Jedd Fisch, *quarterbacks*; Alex Gibbs, *offensive line*; Jerry Gray, *secondary*; Mondray Gee, *assistant strength*; Pat McPherson, *tight ends*; Ken Norton Jr., *linebackers*; Dan Quinn, *defensive line*; Kris Richard, *assistant secondary*; Brian Schneider, *special teams*; Rocky Seto, *quality control/defense*; Sherman Smith, *running backs*; Jeff Ulbrich, *special-teams assistant*; Art Valero, *assistant offensive line*; Jamie Yanchar, *assistant strength*.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
25	Adams, Jamar	S	6-2	212	3	Michigan	6/0
27	Babineaux, Jordan	S	6-0	206	7	Southern Arkansas	16/16
86	Baker, Chris	TE	6-3	258	9	Michigan State	16/7
83	Branch, Deion	WR	5-9	192	9	Louisville	14/5
37	Brindley, James	FS	5-11	196	R	Utah State	
4	Brown, Marcus	CB	6-0	195	R	Arkansas State	
79	Bryant, Red	DT	6-4	318	3	Texas A&M	6/1
73	Burkhart, Kyle	OT	6-4	293	R	Southern Mississippi	
11	Butler, Deon	WR	5-10	182	2	Penn State	16/0
63	Byers, Jeff	C	6-3	301	R	USC	
89	Carlson, John	TE	6-5	251	3	Notre Dame	16/16
16	Carter, Patrick	WR	6-3	215	2	Louisville	0/0
31	Chancellor, Kam	S	6-3	232	R	Virginia Tech	
91	Clemons, Chris	DE	6-2	240	7	Georgia	16/0
90	Cole, Colin	DT	6-1	330	8	Iowa	16/15
39	Cox, Kennard	DB	6-0	197	1	Pittsburgh	0/0
59	Curry, Aaron	LB	6-2	254	2	Wake Forest	14/13
58	Davis, Dexter	LB	6-1	244	R	Arizona State	
45	Devenny, Patrick	TE	6-3	239	R	Colorado	
49	Dixon, Kevin	LB	6-2	257	R	Troy	
61	Erickson, Mitch	OG	6-6	290	1	South Dakota State	0/0
55	Foley, Ricky	DE	6-2	258	1	York	0/0
20	Forsett, Justin	RB	5-8	194	3	California	16/2
32	Ganther, Quinton	RB	5-9	214	5	Utah	8/4
64	Gibson, Mike	OG	6-3	305	3	California	3/0
96	Granger, DeMarcus	DT	6-2	333	R	Oklahoma	
33	Griffith, Justin	FB	6-0	230	8	Mississippi State	13/11
50	Hamilton, Ben	OG	6-4	290	10	Minnesota	15/8
2	Hancock, Quintin	WR	6-2	211	R	Tennessee	
38	Harris, Will	FS	6-0	204	R	USC	
8	Hasselbeck, Matt	QB	6-4	225	12	Boston College	14/14
18	Hass, Mike	WR	6-1	206	4	Oregon State	1/0
57	Hawthorne, David	LB	6-0	240	3	TCU	16/11
99	Henderson, Robert	DE	6-3	283	3	Southern Mississippi	0/0
54	Herring, Will	LB	6-3	243	4	Auburn	16/7
53	Heygood, Anthony	LB	6-1	225	2	Purdue	0/0
56	Hill, Leroy	LB	6-1	238	6	Clemson	11/11
84	Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	WR	6-2	203	10	Oregon State	16/16
95	Jackson, Lawrence	DE	6-4	271	3	USC	16/10
21	Jennings, Kelly	CB	5-11	180	5	Miami (Fla.)	16/5
22	Jones, Julius	RB	5-10	208	7	Notre Dame	14/14
19	Jones, Michael	WR	6-4	212	2	Arizona State	0/0
13	Konz, Jameson	WR	6-3	234	R	Kent State	
34	Lewis, Roy	CB	5-10	190	3	Washington	8/0
75	Locklear, Sean	OT	6-4	308	7	North Carolina State	10/10
44	MacDonald, Patrick	LS	6-2	265	1	Alberta	0/0
10	Mare, Olindo	PK	5-11	190	15	Syracuse	16/0
62	Martinez, Adrian	C	6-3	317	R	Colorado State	
82	Martin, Ruvell	WR	6-4	220	5	Saginaw Valley State	8/0
85	McCoy, Anthony	TE	6-4	259	R	USC	
52	McCoy, Matt	LB	6-0	235	6	San Diego State	12/2
92	Mebane, Brandon	DT	6-1	301	4	California	15/15
36	Milloy, Lawyer	S	6-0	215	15	Washington	16/2
17	Morey, Sean	WR	5-11	193	10	Brown	13/0
88	Morrah, Cameron	TE	6-3	244	2	California	3/0
87	Obomanu, Ben	WR	6-0	206	5	Auburn	14/0
76	Okung, Russell	OT	6-5	302	R	Oklahoma State	
	Overton, Matt	LS	5-11	250	1	Western Washington	0/0
48	Pawelek, Joe	LB	6-2	237	R	Baylor	
77	Phillips, Jacob	OT	6-6	299	R	Belhaven (Miss.)	
3	Pinkard, Josh	CB	6-1	214	R	USC	
47	Pociask, Jason	TE	6-3	259	4	Wisconsin	0/0
43	Powdrell, Ryan	FB	5-11	254	2	USC	0/0
40	Rankin, Louis	RB	6-1	205	3	Washington	7/0
98	Reed, Nick	DE	6-1	247	2	Oregon	16/0
70	Rose, Rob	DE	6-4	294	R	Ohio State	
9	Ryan, Jon	P	6-0	222	5	Regina	16/0
35	Schmitt, Owen	FB	6-2	247	3	West Virginia	15/1
65	Spencer, Chris	C	6-3	312	6	Mississippi	14/14
81	Tate, Golden	WR-RS	5-11	195	R	Notre Dame	
51	Tatupu, Lofa	LB	6-0	242	6	USC	5/5
	Teal, Quinton	S	6-1	187	4	Coastal Carolina	16/3
14	Teel, Mike	QB	6-3	230	2	Rutgers	0/0
93	Terrill, Craig	DT	6-2	295	7	Purdue	13/1
29	Thomas, Earl	S	5-10	208	R	Texas	
28	Thurmond, Walter	CB	6-0	183	R	Oregon	
23	Trufant, Marcus	CB	5-11	197	8	Washington State	10/9
60	Unger, Max	OG-C	6-5	309	2	Oregon	16/16
69	Vallos, Steve	C	6-3	312	4	Wake Forest	16/3
94	Vickerson, Kevin	DT	6-5	305	5	Michigan State	13/2
30	Washington, Leon	RB-RS	5-8	195	5	Florida State	7/0
24	White, LenDale	RB	6-1	235	5	USC	13/0
6	Whitehurst, Charlie	QB	6-4	220	5	Clemson	0/0
1	Williams, Mike	WR	6-5	230	4	USC	0/0
15	Williams, Reggie	WR	6-4	212	6	Washington	0/0
74	Willis, Ray	OT-OG	6-6	315	6	Florida State	16/16
97	Wilson, E.J.	DE	6-2	289	R	North Carolina	
26	Wilson, Josh	CB	5-9	192	4	Maryland	12/12
66	Wrotto, Mansfield	OG	6-3	320	4	Georgia Tech	6/1

der and had a knack for being in the middle of the action. Wilson led the team with 14 passes defensed and returned both of his interceptions for TDs (61 yards vs. the Lions and 65 yards vs. the Rams). First-round draft pick Earl Thomas and Jordan Babineaux are expected to be the starting safeties. Thomas is a ball-hawking safety with exceptional instincts, range and athleticism who also figures to be used creatively in nickel packages as a sub-defender in the slot. Babineaux has always displayed a knack for making big plays. He struggled initially replacing the departed Brian Russell at free safety in '09 but became increasingly comfortable, finishing the season as the team's second-leading tackler. Lawyer Milloy, Quinton Teal, Jamar Adams and physical fifth-rounder Kam Chancellor are the primary backups at safety. Depth on the corners will be provided by former first-round draft pick Kelly Jennings, who appeared to lose confidence early last season coming off a shoulder injury that required offseason surgery, and fourth-rounder Walter Thurmond.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Veteran PK Olindo Mare was flawless following a well-documented outburst by Jim Mora after he missed two field goals in a loss to the Bears. Mare went on to finish the season with a club-record 21 consecutive field goals. He also boomed 22 touchbacks on his kickoffs. P Jon Ryan was equally excellent with a franchise-record 46.2-yard gross average and a club-record- tying 38.7-yard net average. Justin Forsett and Leon Washington, if he's healthy, figure to be the primary return specialists. Ex-Cardinal Sean Morey, a Pro Bowl alternate special-teamer last year, signed a multiyear deal in late March.

SUMMARY

Still having holes to fill at a number of positions, new head coach Pete Carroll realistically figures to concentrate more on rebuilding than contending in his first season in Seattle.

4 ST. LOUIS Rams

2010 PREDICTION: 5-11 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC WEST)*
2009 RECORD: 1-15 *(FOURTH PLACE IN NFC WEST)*

TEAM PROFILE

S. SPAGNUOLO

HEAD COACH: Steve Spagnuolo
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Pat Shurmur
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR: Ken Flajole
CHAIRMAN/OWNER: Chip Rosenbloom
STADIUM: Edward Jones Dome | **CAPACITY:** 66,000
PLAYING SURFACE: FieldTurf
OFFICIAL WEB SITE: www.stlouisrams.com

Say hello to the Sam Bradford era in St. Louis. The Rams instantly made the smooth-throwing QB out of Oklahoma the undisputed new face of a franchise on the cusp of new ownership when they decided to make him the first overall pick in the 2010 draft — despite a host of intriguing options.

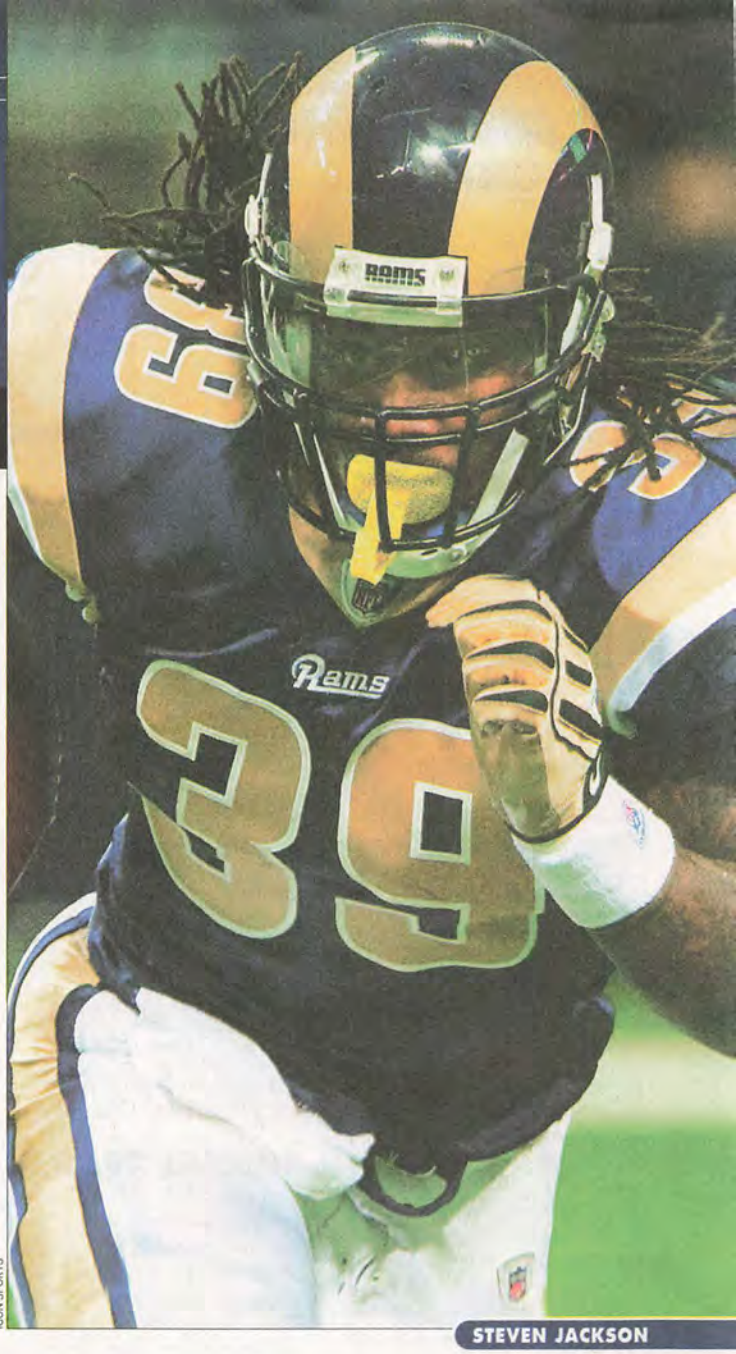
Rams GM Billy Devaney and head coach Steve Spagnuolo probably would be thrilled if Bradford would just come close to doing for the Rams what QB Mark Sanchez did for the Jets as a rookie last season — adequately manage a conservative, run-oriented offense that consistently moves the chains, with 2009 NFC leading rusher Steven Jackson doing most of the heavy lifting.

The Rams' offense certainly can't be any more brutal than it was last season, when it scored only 16 TDs the entire season.

The Rams' defense wasn't much better, ranking 31st in points allowed, 29th in total yards and tied for last with the Raiders with only eight interceptions.

Entering the offseason, Devaney said the primary goal was obvious: to load up on more "playmakers" on both sides of the ball.

Better health certainly wouldn't hurt. The Rams got clobbered by injuries in 2009, with 13 players finishing the season on injured reserve. The team was hit particularly hard at wide receiver. Just past the season's halfway point, the Rams had only one WR (Donnie Avery) left on the active roster that was with the team in training camp.



ICON SPORTS

STEVEN JACKSON

OFFENSE

It's possible the Rams might choose to ease Sam Bradford into a starting role and begin the season with newly acquired veteran A.J. Feeley under center. But with a real need to stimulate its beaten-down fan base, it's much more likely the team's new ownership will opt to sink or swim with its new centerpiece. It wouldn't be difficult for Bradford to improve on the abysmal 11-21 TD-interception ratio compiled by 2009 Rams QBs Marc Bulger, Kyle Boller and Keith Null.

QUARTERBACKS

The Rams were salivating after Sam Bradford's outstanding pro day at the end of March when he completed 49-of-50 passes and his arm appeared to get stronger as the performance wore on. Bradford has a rapid-fire release, outstanding accuracy, better-than-average arm strength, excellent intelligence and tremendous intangibles. The Rams seem convinced that the AC joint on Bradford's throwing shoulder that was surgically repaired in late October is fully healed. But he has some detractors who continue to worry about his durability, pointing out that he hurt his shoulder after what amounted to a pair of routine tackles. That Bradford performed primarily in a simplified spread offense at Oklahoma and has seldom played under center and made pro-style reads is

COMINGS & GOINGS

KEY VETERAN ARRIVALS

OLB Na'il Diggs, CB Kevin Dockery, QB A.J. Feeley, OG Hank Fraley, TE Darcy Johnson, S Kevin Payne, DT Fred Robbins.

KEY VETERAN DEPARTURES

QB Marc Bulger, DT Adam Carriker, LB Paris Lenon, CB Jonathan Wade.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS

OFFENSIVE MVP
RB Steven Jackson

DEFENSIVE MVP
MLB James Laurinaitis

BREAKTHROUGH PLAYER
WR Brandon Gibson

POSITION BATTLE
ORG: John Greco vs. Hank Fraley

S. JACKSON

J. LAURINAITIS

QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST
C-	A-	C	B-	C	C+	C+	B

another very valid concern. A.J. Feeley, who played under Rams offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur for six years in Philadelphia, is familiar with the Rams' system and has good arm strength. But Feeley has not thrown a regular-season pass since 2007. Keith Null, who was clearly overmatched in four starts at the end of the '09 season but showed nice composure and decent arm strength, will be challenged by Mike Reilly for the No. 3 job.

RUNNING BACKS

Over the last five seasons, Steven Jackson ranks third in the league in rushing yards and first in total yards from scrimmage among running backs. Jackson earned his second Pro Bowl berth after leading the NFC in rushing with 1,416 yards (4.4 yards per carry) despite suffering a herniated disc in late November that kept him from practicing. Jackson remains a big, powerful back who consistently can move the pile and make tacklers miss before hitting the hole. But he also can turn the corner and provide big-play potential every time he touches the ball. He is also a very effective receiver, primarily catching flares and checkdowns, and has become much more of a leader in the locker room. Jackson's primary backups figure to be the serviceable Kenneth Darby, who is very good in pass protection, and second-year pro Chris Ogbonnaya, who has potential but needs to hit the hole more decisively. Ex-Saints FB Mike Karney was a welcome addition in '09, providing Jackson with a solid lead blocker for the first time in two seasons.

RECEIVERS

WR Donnie Avery started every game in '09 and led the team with 589 yards receiving and a career-high five TDs after missing almost the entire preseason with a foot injury. Avery has top-end speed and has displayed big-play ability when healthy. Entering his third season with a different position coach, Avery has added 14 pounds of muscle that hopefully will enable him to better handle press coverage and become less prone to injuries. Ex-Falcons WR Laurent Robinson was off to a decent start when he suffered season-ending leg and ankle injuries in the third game vs. Green Bay. Robinson has good size, ball skills and route-running ability, but he has had trouble staying healthy and must be more physical as a blocker. A pair of pickups courtesy of the Eagles during the '09 season — Brandon Gibson and Danny Amendola — figure prominently in the receiving mix. Gibson is not a burner, but he is a big, physical receiver who runs polished routes and can outmuscle defenders for extra yardage. Amendola's major contribution came as a kick returner. But he also ranked third on the team with 43 catches and just seems to find ways to get open. Keenan Burton, who was leading the Rams in catches when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week 10, and Brooks Foster, whose rookie year ended with a preseason ankle injury, could be factors. Fourth-round rookie Mardy Gilyard was a solid value pick who has good hands. At tight end, the major load will likely be shared by Daniel Fells, a decent red-zone target with good hands and size, and blocking specialist Billy Bajema. Rookies Michael Hoomanawanui and Fendi Onobun and ex-Giant Darcy Johnson add lots of depth at the position.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Just when '09 first-round draft pick Jason Smith seemed to be finally settling in at right tackle, his season ended after suffering a concussion Nov. 29. Smith displayed flashes of his ability, particularly with his run blocking, but after making only five starts, his durability is a real concern. That's certainly not the case with OT Alex Barron and C Jason Brown, neither of whom have ever missed a start in their pro careers due to injury. But Barron, who switched to left tackle in '09 after spending three of his previous four seasons as the starter at right tackle, continued to have major issues with penalties and straight-ahead power rushers. Both Smith and Barron could be seriously challenged by second-rounder Rodger Saffold, who has quick feet and is an effective blocker against both the run and the pass. Saffold could also see action at guard. Brown has been a pillar of stability. Strong, smart and competitive, he immediately embraced a major leadership role after joining the team as a free agent last offseason. OLG Jacob Bell was a very consistent starter who was able to keep his weight around 305 after having problems keeping his weight up the previous season. But he is a much better pass blocker than run blocker and missed the final three games in '09 with a hamstring injury. The verdict is out at right guard, with John Greco, who started the final three games at the position in '09, expected to be challenged by newly acquired veteran Hank Fraley, who also will back up Brown at center. Injury-prone Mark Setterstrom and possibly ace "sixth man" Adam Goldberg, who has played every position on the line except center adequately, are also in the mix. Roger Allen III, who has great size (6-3, 323) and potential, adds interior depth.

DEFENSE

More stability at defensive tackle (six different starters in '09), more sacks (28th in QB sack percentage) and definitely more turnovers are a must. Not a single Rams cornerback

2010 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 12	Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Oakland	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 26	Washington	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 3	Seattle	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Detroit	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	San Diego	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Carolina	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	BYE	
Nov. 14	at San Francisco	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	Atlanta	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Denver	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Arizona	4:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	at New Orleans	4:05 p.m.
Dec. 19	Kansas City	1:00 p.m.
Dec. 26	San Francisco	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Seattle	4:15 p.m.

2009 RESULTS

Pointspread refers to St. Louis

DATE	OPPONENT	SPREAD	SCORE
Sept. 13	At Seattle	(+7.5)	0-28
Sept. 20	At Washington	(+9.5)	7-9
Sept. 27	Green Bay	(+6.5)	17-36
Oct. 4	At San Francisco	(+9.5)	0-35
Oct. 11	Minnesota	(+10)	10-38
Oct. 18	At Jacksonville	(+9.5)	20-23*
Oct. 25	Indianapolis	(+14)	6-42
Nov. 1	At Detroit	(+3)	17-10
Nov. 8	BYE		
Nov. 15	New Orleans	(+14)	23-28
Nov. 22	Arizona	(+9)	13-21
Nov. 29	Seattle	(+3.5)	17-27
Dec. 6	At Chicago	(+9)	9-17
Dec. 13	At Tennessee	(+14)	7-47
Dec. 20	Houston	(+14)	13-16
Dec. 27	At Arizona	(+16.5)	10-31
Jan. 3	San Francisco	(+7.5)	6-28

* Overtime

2009 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS																	
	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	WK 6	WK 7	WK 8	WK 10	WK 11	WK 12	WK 13	WK 14	WK 15	WK 16	WK 17	TOTALS
OPPONENT	@SEA.	@WASH.	G.B.	@S.F.	MINN.	@JAX.	IND.	@DET.	N.O.	ARIZ.	SEA.	@CHI.	@TEN.	HOU.	@ARIZ.	S.F.	
Score	0-28	7-9	17-36	0-35	10-38	20-23	6-42	17-10	23-28	13-21	17-27	9-17	7-47	13-16	10-31	6-28	
Total net yards	247	245	336	177	400	262	272	362	434	314	364	233	240	237	238	109	4470
Rushing yards	77	126	149	95	122	55	155	150	141	123	113	135	80	88	88	87	1784
Passing yards	170	119	187	82	278	207	117	212	293	191	251	98	160	149	150	22	2686
Rushing plays	18	21	33	28	30	18	30	26	29	27	28	30	20	26	21	26	411
Sacks allowed	3	1	1	5	2	1	3	0	2	3	4	3	1	3	4	8	44
Had intercepted	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	5	1	3	0	21
Fumbles lost	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	12
Yards penalized	85	45	40	73	82	52	73	27	20	50	35	85	82	15	20	50	834
Punts	8	4	4	8	3	6	5	5	4	4	5	7	7	4	5	11	90
OPPONENT STATISTICS																	
Time of poss.***	32:27	34:53	30:19	30:12	27:21	37:47	30:39	32:03	27:58	31:38	26:28	28:00	28:03	30:40	34:11	33:08	30:59
Total net yards	446	362	402	228	377	492	391	289	420	444	265	248	446	419	407	329	5965
Rushing yards	167	125	152	96	89	166	156	127	203	183	170	120	160	52	110	125	2201
Passing yards	279	237	250	132	288	326	235	162	217	261	95	128	286	367	297	204	3764
Rushing plays	34	33	37	29	24	38	26	33	29	30	31	38	30	24	32	32	500
Sacks allowed	0	1	2	4	2	3	0	2	1	2	1	2	0	0	2	3	25
Had intercepted	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Fumbles lost	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	12
Yards penalized	25	35	51	33	44	15	51	67	40	40	52	35	40	30	15	40	613
Punts	5	2	4	7	2	4	4	7	3	5	5	7	3	2	6	9	75
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS *																	
RUSHING																	
Boller			4-31-0	2-5-0	3-1-0						3-26-0					1-13-0	13-76-0
Darby		2-13-0	2-1-0	2-12-0	1-13-0	1-2-0	3-16-0				1-(-1)-0		1-51-0	3-5-0	11-40-0		27-152-0
Jackson	16-67-0	17-104-0	27-117-0	23-79-0	21-84-0	16-50-0	23-134-0	22-149-1	26-131-1	24-116-1	23-89-1	28-112-0	18-39-0	20-82-0		20-63-0	324-1416-4
PASSING ****																	
Boller			16-31-1 164-2	13-24-1 108-0	20-31-1 209-0						28-46-2 282-1	17-32-1 113-0			0-1-0 0-0	4-11-0 23-0	98-176-6 899-3
Bulger	17-36-0 191-0	15-28-0 125-1	3-4-0 23-0		7-7-0 88-1	22-34-1 213-1	14-26-2 140-0	17-35-1 176-0	26-40-1 298-2	19-37-1 215-0							140-247-6 1469-5
Null													28-44-5 165-1	18-27-1 173-1	20-31-3 171-1	7-17-0 57-0	73-119-9 566-3
RECEIVING																	
Amendola				1-8-0	5-43-0	3-25-0	5-39-0	1-13-0		4-61-0	7-55-0	1-0-0	5-19-0	2-7-1	6-38-0	3-18-0	43-326-1
Avery	6-46-0	1-4-0	3-12-0	3-47-0	5-87-1	1-17-1	2-58-0	1-15-0	4-67-2	4-65-0	4-48-1	3-30-0	2-14-0	4-32-0	2-24-0	2-23-0	47-589-5
Bajema								2-43-0	1-12-0	1-6-0	1-6-0		1-8-0		2-19-0		8-94-0
K. Burton	1-5-0	2-38-0	3-37-0	1-12-0	5-42-0	5-37-0	3-28-0	5-54-0									25-253-0
Darby			1-9-0	1-2-0	1-3-0	1-7-0					3-26-0	3-18-0	5-7-0	2-18-0	1-6-0		18-96-0
Fells	1-9-0		2-35-2	1-17-0	5-45-0	2-11-0	1-7-0	1-36-1	3-51-0		1-25-0		3-32-0	1-5-0			21-273-3
B. Gibson									7-93-0	5-61-0	3-18-0	3-38-0	6-43-0	2-26-0	5-51-1	3-18-0	34-348-1
Jackson		4-15-0	5-46-0	3-6-0	2-25-0	6-78-0	1-(-1)-0	3-17-0	9-45-0	2-0-0	5-27-0	4-9-0	3-14-0	4-41-0			51-322-0
R. Martin										1-5-0	2-60-0			1-23-0	1-2-0	1-9-0	6-99-0
McMichael	4-44-0	2-14-0	2-24-0	2-17-0	3-45-0	3-32-0	2-9-0	2-16-0	2-30-0	2-17-0	1-12-0	3-18-0	2-15-1	1-20-0	2-12-0	1-7-0	34-332-1
Robinson	5-87-0	6-54-1	2-26-0														13-167-1

* Doesn't include all players. ** Passing stats include completions, attempts, interceptions, yards and touchdowns. *** Time of possession for OT games is prorated for 60-minute game.

had an interception in '09.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

It's not certain which sides they will line up on, but '08 No. 1 pick Chris Long, who started only four games last season, and veteran James Hall, who signed a new three-year deal, shape up as the starting ends. Long is a very active run defender with good range and a nonstop motor. After a slow start, he made big-time strides rushing the passer the second half of the season and finished ranked second in sacks behind veteran Leonard Little with a career-high five. Long also led the team with 15 QB hits and nine QB pressures. Hall, who can also move inside in passing situations, provides a very solid presence both on the field and in the locker room. At presstime, the Rams remained interested in re-signing Little at the right price, but only as a situational pass rusher. The best bets to start the season at defensive tackle are versatile veteran newcomer Fred Robbins, who had two of his best years in '07 and '08 with the Giants when Rams head coach Steve Spagnuolo was the defensive coordinator, and consistent Clifton Ryan, who led the team in tackles for loss with nine and was second among Rams D-linemen in tackles with 42 in '09. Darell Scott, who has an intriguing blend of size and quickness, could be part of the DT rotation. Gary Gibson, who started the first five games in '09 before suffering season-ending foot and ankle injuries, adds depth inside. Victor Adeyanju, C.J. Ah You and rookies Hall Davis, Eugene Sims and George Selvie add depth outside.

2010 DRAFT PICKS

RD	PLAYER	POS	COLLEGE	PICK
1	Sam Bradford	QB	Oklahoma	1
2	Rodger Saffold	OT	Indiana	33
3	Jerome Murphy	CB	South Florida	65
4	Mardy Gilyard	WR	Cincinnati	99
5	Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	Illinois	132
5	Hall Davis	DE	Louisiana-Lafayette	149
6	Fendi Onobun	TE	Houston	170
6	Eugene Sims	DE	West Texas A&M	189
7	Marquis Johnson	CB	Alabama	211
7	George Selvie	DE	South Florida	226
7	Josh Hull	ILB	Penn State	254

S. BRADFORD

LINEBACKERS

MLB James Laurinaitis' team-leading 146 tackles in '09 (according to team statistics) were the most ever by a Rams' rookie. Quickly grasping the intricacies of the pro game with his superior intelligence and off-the-charts work habits, he seamlessly stepped into the middle from Day One and showed admirable toughness, gutting out shoulder problems down the stretch. But Laurinaitis could stand to improve in coverage, particularly against receivers coming out of the backfield on delayed routes. Newly acquired Na'il Diggs, who has good size and a reputation for being a solid run defender, will presumably start at one of the outside spots. Diggs, who played under Rams defensive coordinator Ken Flajole for three years in Carolina when Flajole was the Panthers' LB coach, said he looked forward to being a vocal veteran leader on a unit overflowing with raw, unproven youngsters. A battle is expected for the other OLB post between David Vobora, who started 10 games on the strong side last season, and second-year pro Larry Grant, who offers decent size and blitzing ability.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Since becoming a full-time starter in '06, FS O.J. Atogwe has more combined interceptions and forced fumbles (32) than any player in the league. Before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury in the 12th game last season, Atogwe had started 60 consecutive games. With his excellent range, instincts and tackling ability, he has established himself as one of the league's top playmakers. SS James Butler, who played under head coach Steve Spagnuolo with the Giants, led the team with three interceptions and ranked third with 69 tackles in '09 despite missing

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE				
WR	**19**	**ROBINSON**	11 B. Gibson	16 Amendola
OLT	**77**	**SMITH**	76 Saffold*	61 Young
OLG	**63**	**BELL**	73 Goldberg	62 Allen
C	**60**	**JA. BROWN**	Fraley	67 Miller
ORG	**79**	**GRECO**	Fraley	66 Setterstrom
ORT	**70**	**BARRON**	76 Saffold*	64 Trautwein
TE	**46**	**FELLS**	47 Bajema	87 D. Johnson
WR	**17**	**AVERY**	14 Burton	81 Gilyard*
QB	**8**	**BRADFORD***	4 Feeley	9 Null
RB	**39**	**S. JACKSON**	34 Darby	22 Ogbonnaya
FB	**44**	**KARNEY**		
DEFENSE				
DLE	**96**	**HALL**	94 Adeyanju	90 Davis*
DLT	**98**	**ROBBINS**	97 Scott	69 Douzable
DRT	**95**	**RYAN**	71 G. Gibson	
DRE	**72**	**LONG**	99 Ah You	92 Sims*
SLB	**53**	**DIGGS**	59 Grant	
MLB	**55**	**LAURINAITIS**	54 Douglas	56 Hull*
WLB	**58**	**VOBORA**	57 Chamberlain	
LCB	**24**	**BARTELL**	31 King	36 Q. Butler
RCB	**32**	**FLETCHER**	26 Murphy*	20 Dockery
FS	**21**	**ATOGWE**	43 Dahl	
SS	**37**	**J. BUTLER**	Payne	27 Roach
SPECIALISTS				
P	**5**	**D. JONES**		
PK	**3**	**JO. BROWN**		
H	**5**	**D. JONES**		
KR	**16**	**AMENDOLA**	Gilyard*	23 Parks
PR	**16**	**AMENDOLA**	Gilyard*	23 Parks
LS	**45**	**MASSEY**		

* ROOKIE

COACHING STAFF

Nolan Cromwell, wide receivers; Sylvester Croom, *running backs*; Dick Curl, *asst. head coach/quarterbacks*; Andre Curtis, *defensive backs/safeties*; Brendan Daly, *defensive line*; Chuck Faucette, *asst. strength and conditioning*; Paul Ferraro, *linebackers*; Ken Flajole, *defensive coordinator*; Rock Gullickson, *strength and conditioning*; Matt House, *defensive quality control*; Frank Leonard, *tight ends*; Steve Loney, *offensive line*; Clayton Lopez, *defensive backs/cornerbacks*; Tom McMahon, *special-teams coordinator*; Pat Shurmur, *offensive coordinator*; Steve Spagnuolo, *head coach*; Andy Sugarman, *offensive quality control*; Derius Swinton, *special-teams quality control*; Bruce Warwick, *asst. to head coach/football operations*.

three games with a knee injury. Butler is smart, steady and physical. After signing a new four-year deal last offseason following a very good '08 campaign, LCB Ron Bartell was below average last season, as a nagging thigh injury robbed him of his normal closing speed. On the right corner, the front-runner appears to be second-year pro Bradley Fletcher, who moved into a starting role in the fifth game last season and appeared to be blossoming into a very solid press-coverage corner when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week Seven. Depth is provided by dependable S Craig Dahl, who did a nice job replacing both Butler and Atogwe when they were injured; third-year pro Justin King; physical but often-undisciplined third-round CB Jerome Murphy; and newly acquired ex-Giant Kevin Dockery and ex-Bear Kevin Payne.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Rams' special teams significantly improved under first-year coordinator Tom McMahon. Josh Brown converted 6-of-7 field-goal attempts from 50 yards and beyond in '09 and is one of the league's best long-distance placekickers. P Donnie Jones altered his approach at McMahon's request, placing more emphasis on directional punting, but he still finished second in the league in net average (41.7). Jones dropped a franchise-record 34 punts inside the 20-yard line. After joining the team in Week Three last season, Danny Amendola quickly proved to be a tough, accountable and very reliable return specialist, setting team marks for kickoff returns, kickoff-return yards, combined punt and kickoff returns and total return yardage. Backup LB Chris Chamberlain excelled in coverage with a team-leading 28 tackles.

SUMMARY

After struggling through a difficult rookie campaign that was expected to be a major challenge, the grace period is over for head coach Steve Spagnuolo. But in the watered-down NFC West, a jump in the standings is not out of the question.

2010 ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	GP/GS
94	Adeyanju, Victor	DE	6-4	284	5	Indiana	10/1
99	Ah You, C.J.	DE	6-4	270	2	Oklahoma	8/1
62	Allen III, Roger	OG	6-3	323	2	Missouri Western St.	2/1
16	Amendola, Danny	WR	5-11	186	2	Texas Tech	14/2
50	Asiodu, K.C.	LB	6-2	242	2	Central Oklahoma	10/0
21	Atogwe, O.J. (RFA)	S	5-11	205	6	Stanford	12/12
17	Avery, Donnie	WR	5-11	183	3	Houston	16/16
47	Bajema, Billy	TE	6-4	259	6	Oklahoma State	16/5
70	Barron, Alex (RFA)	OT	6-7	302	6	Florida State	16/16
24	Bartell, Ron	CB	6-1	206	6	Howard	15/15
63	Bell, Jacob	OG	6-4	300	7	Miami (Ohio)	13/13
8	Bradford, Sam	QB	6-4	236	R	Oklahoma	
93	Bradwell, Chris	DT	6-5	280	1	Troy	0/0
60	Brown, Jason	C	6-3	328	6	North Carolina	16/16
3	Brown, Josh	PK	6-0	205	8	Nebraska	16/0
30	Brown, Marcus	CB	6-2	203	1	McNeese State	0/0
18	Brown, Travis	WR	6-3	202	1	New Mexico	0/0
14	Burton, Keenan	WR	6-0	206	3	Kentucky	9/6
49	Butler, Eric	TE	6-2	265	1	Mississippi State	0/0
37	Butler, James	S	6-3	209	6	Georgia Tech	13/13
36	Butler, Quincy	CB	6-1	188	3	TCU	14/7
57	Chamberlain, Chris	LB	6-1	230	3	Tulsa	16/0
65	Conover, Sean	DE	6-5	275	3	Bucknell	0/0
65	Cudjo, Jermelle	DT	6-3	293	R	Central Oklahoma	
43	Dahl, Craig	S	6-1	209	4	North Dakota State	14/8
34	Darby, Kenneth	RB	5-10	219	3	Alabama	16/1
90	Davis, Hall	DE	6-4	271	R	Louisiana-Lafayette	
53	Diggs, Na'il	LB	6-4	240	11	Ohio State	14/11
20	Dockery, Kevin	CB	5-8	188	5	Mississippi State	11/3
54	Douglas, Dominic	LB	6-1	240	2	Mississippi State	4/0
69	Douzable, Leger	DT	6-4	305	2	Central Florida	12/1
4	Feeley, A.J.	QB	6-3	220	10	Oregon	0/0
46	Fells, Daniel	TE	6-4	272	4	UC Davis	14/4
32	Fletcher, Bradley	CB	6-0	198	2	Iowa	7/3
83	Foster, Brooks	WR	6-1	205	2	North Carolina	0/0
	Fraley, Hank	C-OG	6-3	310	10	Robert Morris	15/4
11	Gibson, Brandon	WR	6-0	210	2	Washington State	9/4
71	Gibson, Gary	DT	6-3	300	5	Rutgers	5/5
81	Gilyard, Mardy	WR	6-0	187	R	Cincinnati	
73	Goldberg, Adam	OG-OT	6-7	309	7	Wyoming	16/14
25	Gorrer, Danny	CB	6-0	185	2	Texas A&M	3/1
59	Grant, Larry	LB	6-1	251	2	Ohio State	16/0
79	Greco, John	OG	6-4	329	3	Toledo	11/3
96	Hall, James	DE	6-2	281	10	Michigan	14/14
51	Harris, Freddie	LB	6-2	227	R	Central Oklahoma	
86	Hoomanawanui, Michael	TE	6-4	264	R	Illinois	
56	Hull, Josh	LB	6-3	237	R	Penn State	
52	Jackson, Cardia	LB	6-2	237	R	Louisiana-Monroe	
39	Jackson, Steven	RB	6-2	236	6	Oregon State	15/15
87	Johnson, Darcy	TE	6-5	252	5	Central Florida	13/4
33	Johnson, Marquis	CB	5-10	192	R	Alabama	
5	Jones, Donnie	P	6-2	225	7	LSU	16/0
41	Jones, Jeromy	S	5-11	202	R	Idaho	
44	Karney, Mike	FB	5-11	260	7	Arizona State	14/8
82	Kent, Jordan	WR	6-4	219	3	Oregon	5/0
31	King, Justin	CB	5-11	188	3	Penn State	15/7
55	Laurinaitis, James	LB	6-2	247	2	Ohio State	16/16
49	Lawrence, Simoni	LB	6-0	232	R	Minnesota	
65	Lewis, Mark	OG	6-3	305	1	Oregon	0/0
12	Lewis, Thaddeus	QB	6-1	215	R	Duke	
72	Long, Chris	DE	6-3	276	3	Virginia	16/4
45	Massey, Chris	LS	6-0	237	8	Marshall	7/0
42	McCoy, Jamie	FB	6-2	240	R	Texas A&M	
68	McKee, Ryan	OT	6-6	291	1	Southern Mississippi	0/0
80	McRae, Brandon	WR	6-3	208	R	Mississippi State	
67	Miller, Drew	C	6-5	303	2	Florida	0/0
83	Moore, Nick	WR	6-2	186	1	Toledo	0/0
26	Murphy, Jerome	CB	6-0	196	R	South Florida	
9	Null, Keith	QB	6-4	219	2	West Texas A&M	4/4
22	Ogbonnaya, Chris	RB	6-0	225	2	Texas	2/0
48	Onobun, Fendi	TE	6-6	252	R	Houston	
88	Owens, Rod	WR	6-0	183	R	Florida State	
23	Parks, Cord	CB	5-10	185	1	Northeastern	2/0
	Payne, Kevin	S	6-0	212	4	Louisiana-Monroe	13/5
13	Reilly, Mike	QB	6-3	212	1	Central Washington	0/0
27	Roach, David	S	6-2	216	2	TCU	15/0
98	Robbins, Fred	DT	6-4	325	11	Wake Forest	16/12
19	Robinson, Laurent	WR	6-2	197	4	Illinois State	3/3
95	Ryan, Clifton	DT	6-3	324	4	Michigan State	16/15
76	Saffold, Rodger	OT	6-5	318	R	Indiana	
97	Scott, Darell	DT	6-3	315	2	Clemson	12/5
67	Selvie, George	DE	6-4	250	R	South Florida	
66	Setterstrom, Mark	OG-C	6-4	318	4	Minnesota	9/3
92	Sims, Eugene	DE	6-6	235	R	West Texas A&M	
77	Smith, Jason	OT	6-5	307	2	Baylor	8/5
35	Stewart, Darian	S	5-11	216	R	South Carolina	
41	Tinsley, Kennedy	FB	6-0	225	R	North Carolina	
38	Toston, Keith	RB	6-0	214	R	Oklahoma State	
64	Trautwein, Phil	OT	6-6	308	2	Florida	4/0
58	Vobora, David	LB	6-1	239	3	Idaho	12/10
35	Woolridge, De'Maundray	RB	5-9	241	R	Idaho	
76	Wyche, James	DE	6-5	279	5	Syracuse	1/0
61	Young, Eric	OT	6-3	304	1	Tennessee	0/0

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	DIV.	CONF.	ATS
New England	10	6	0	.625	427	285	8-0	2-6	4-2-0	7-5-0	8-7-1
New York Jets	9	7	0	.563	348	236	4-4	5-3	2-4-0	7-5-0	9-7-0
Miami	7	9	0	.438	360	390	4-4	3-5	4-2-0	5-7-0	8-8-0
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	258	326	3-5	3-5	2-4-0	4-8-0	8-7-1
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	305	291	6-2	4-4	6-0-0	7-5-0	7-9-0
Baltimore	9	7	0	.563	391	261	6-2	3-5	3-3-0	7-5-0	8-6-2
Pittsburgh	9	7	0	.563	368	324	6-2	3-5	2-4-0	6-6-0	5-10-1
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	245	375	3-5	2-6	1-5-0	5-7-0	10-6-0
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
Indianapolis	14	2	0	.875	416	307	7-1	7-1	6-0-0	10-2-0	9-6-1
Houston	9	7	0	.563	388	333	4-4	5-3	1-5-0	6-6-0	7-8-1
Tennessee	8	8	0	.500	354	402	5-3	3-5	2-4-0	4-8-0	6-10-0
Jacksonville	7	9	0	.438	290	380	5-3	2-6	3-3-0	6-6-0	5-11-0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
San Diego	13	3	0	.813	454	320	6-2	7-1	5-1-0	9-3-0	8-7-1
Denver	8	8	0	.500	326	324	4-4	4-4	3-3-0	6-6-0	9-7-0
Oakland	5	11	0	.313	197	379	2-6	3-5	2-4-0	4-8-0	8-8-0
Kansas City	4	12	0	.250	294	424	1-7	3-5	2-4-0	3-9-0	7-9-0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	DIV.	CONF.	ATS
Dallas	11	5	0	.688	361	250	6-2	5-3	4-2-0	9-3-0	9-7-0
Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	429	337	6-2	5-3	4-2-0	9-3-0	9-7-0
New York Giants	8	8	0	.500	402	427	4-4	4-4	4-2-0	6-6-0	6-10-0
Washington	4	12	0	.250	266	336	3-5	1-7	0-6-0	2-10-0	7-8-1
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
Minnesota	12	4	0	.750	470	312	8-0	4-4	5-1-0	9-3-0	9-6-1
Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	461	297	6-2	5-3	4-2-0	9-3-0	11-4-1
Chicago	7	9	0	.438	327	375	5-3	2-6	3-3-0	5-7-0	6-10-0
Detroit	2	14	0	.125	262	494	2-6	0-8	0-6-0	1-11-0	4-10-2
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
New Orleans	13	3	0	.813	510	341	6-2	7-1	4-2-0	9-3-0	8-8-0
Atlanta	9	7	0	.563	363	325	6-2	3-5	3-3-0	6-6-0	11-5-0
Carolina	8	8	0	.500	315	308	5-3	3-5	4-2-0	8-4-0	9-7-0
Tampa Bay	3	13	0	.188	244	400	1-7	2-6	1-5-0	3-9-0	6-10-0
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT.**	**PF**	**PA**	**HOME**	**AWAY**	**DIV.**	**CONF.**	**ATS**
Arizona	10	6	0	.625	375	325	4-4	6-2	4-2-0	8-4-0	9-7-0
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500	330	281	6-2	2-6	5-1-0	7-5-0	9-4-3
Seattle	5	11	0	.313	280	390	4-4	1-7	3-3-0	4-8-0	6-10-0
St. Louis	1	15	0	.063	175	436	0-8	1-7	0-6-0	1-11-0	7-9-0

POSTSEASON RESULTS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
N.Y. Jets 24, Cincinnati 14
Baltimore 33, New England 14
Dallas 34, Philadelphia 14
Arizona 51, Green Bay 45 (OT)

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Indianapolis 20, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Jets 17, San Diego 14
New Orleans 45, Arizona 14
Minnesota 34, Dallas 3

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Indianapolis 30, N.Y. Jets 17
New Orleans 31, Minnesota 28 (OT)

SUPER BOWL XLIV
New Orleans 31, Indianapolis 17

TEAM EFFICIENCY

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
	OFF PLAYS	RUSH AVG	PASS AVG	OFF AVG		DEF PLAYS	RUSH AVG	PASS AVG	DEF AVG
1. Dall.	1020	4.82	7.34	6.26	1. N.Y.J.	953	3.76	4.61	4.24
2. N.O.	1032	4.50	7.72	6.26	2. G.B.	948	3.59	5.58	4.80
3. Ind.	980	3.54	7.35	5.93	3. Balt.	991	3.43	5.96	4.85
4. S.D.	972	3.33	7.96	5.93	4. Cin.	980	3.94	5.59	4.92
5. N.E.	1076	4.12	7.27	5.91	5. Phil.	1037	4.06	5.55	4.95
6. Hou.	1043	3.47	7.53	5.88	6. S.F.	1050	3.64	5.88	4.97
7. Phil.	975	4.26	6.92	5.87	7. Den.	1007	4.50	5.43	5.01
8. Pitt.	1014	4.19	7.08	5.86	8. Ind.	1084	4.33	5.52	5.01
9. G.B.	1042	4.30	6.92	5.82	9. Buff.	1086	4.67	5.35	5.02
10. Minn.	1054	4.11	7.08	5.76	10. Pitt.	967	3.87	5.79	5.05
11. N.Y.G.	1017	4.15	7.00	5.76	11. Wash.	1000	4.01	6.02	5.12
12. Ten.	990	5.19	6.17	5.68	12. Dall.	979	3.97	5.87	5.16
13. Ariz.	985	4.09	6.48	5.59	13. Car.	976	4.44	5.81	5.18
14. Balt.	1014	4.70	6.26	5.54	14. Minn.	940	3.90	5.99	5.20
15. Jax.	1010	4.54	5.96	5.33	15. Chi.	1033	4.33	5.98	5.23
16. Den.	1032	4.17	6.13	5.29	16. S.D.	991	4.46	5.88	5.28
17. Atl.	1048	4.16	5.98	5.20	17. Hou.	974	4.32	6.03	5.34
18. Car.	1023	4.76	5.62	5.18	18. Ariz.	1038	4.49	5.88	5.34
19. Wash.	970	3.86	6.03	5.15	19. N.E.	941	4.44	6.18	5.44
20. Chi.	971	4.00	5.81	5.11	20. N.Y.G.	953	4.19	6.46	5.45
21. N.Y.J.	1030	4.54	5.63	4.99	21. N.O.	1044	4.49	6.19	5.48
22. Mia.	1088	4.38	5.48	4.96	22. Sea.	1024	4.15	6.59	5.57
23. S.F.	939	4.31	5.37	4.95	23. Atl.	997	3.95	6.86	5.60
24. Cin.	1011	4.07	5.71	4.89	24. T.B.	1039	4.78	6.51	5.63
25. Sea.	1045	3.96	5.39	4.85	25. Ten.	1038	4.26	6.51	5.64
26. Buff.	911	4.40	5.16	4.81	26. Oak.	1023	4.54	6.95	5.66
27. T.B.	961	4.03	5.34	4.79	27. Jax.	982	4.07	7.20	5.74
28. K.C.	1019	4.40	5.03	4.76	28. Mia.	968	4.22	7.04	5.77
29. Det.	1037	3.95	5.04	4.61	29. Clev.	1072	4.57	6.92	5.81
30. Oak.	944	4.15	4.79	4.51	30. K.C.	1062	4.72	6.98	5.85
31. St.L.	998	4.34	4.58	4.48	31. St.L.	1016	4.40	7.29	5.87
32. Clev.	971	4.19	4.39	4.29	32. Det.	1029	4.42	7.44	6.10

INSIDE THE RED ZONE

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
	POSS	TD	FG	SCOR%	TD%		POSS	TD	FG	SCOR%	TD%
1. Ariz.	54	38	10	.889	.704	1. Wash.	41	16	21	.902	.390
2. Ind.	53	35	12	.887	.660	2. N.O.	56	22	20	.750	.393
3. Minn.	69	43	17	.870	.623	3. S.F.	47	19	18	.787	.404
4. Mia.	54	33	15	.889	.611	4. Balt.	43	18	19	.860	.419
5. S.F.	39	23	10	.846	.590	5. N.Y.J.	33	14	13	.818	.424
6. N.O.	71	41	19	.845	.577	6. Clev.	57	25	23	.842	.439
7. Wash.	46	26	15	.891	.565	7. Minn.	40	18	17	.875	.450
8. Ten.	39	22	10	.821	.564	8. Pitt.	42	19	15	.810	.452
9. G.B.	62	34	20	.871	.548	9. Ariz.	47	22	15	.787	.468
10. S.D.	63	34	22	.889	.540	10. Mia.	51	24	18	.824	.471
11. Balt.	57	30	14	.772	.526	11. Cin.	40	19	16	.875	.475
12. Hou.	63	33	17	.794	.524	12. Oak.	65	31	20	.785	.477
13. N.E.	65	34	20	.831	.523	13. Ind.	51	25	15	.784	.490
14. Dall.	50	26	14	.800	.520	14. Car.	50	25	14	.780	.500
15. Atl.	56	29	16	.804	.518	15. Den.	48	24	15	.813	.500
16. T.B.	31	16	6	.710	.516	16. T.B.	50	25	16	.820	.500
17. Jax.	47	24	11	.745	.511	17. Atl.	51	26	12	.745	.510
18. Cin.	50	25	18	.860	.500	18. Det.	71	37	22	.831	.521
19. Car.	40	20	14	.850	.500	19. S.D.	55	29	20	.891	.527
20. N.Y.J.	49	24	18	.857	.490	20. Buff.	50	27	18	.900	.540
21. Pitt.	56	27	22	.875	.482	21. N.E.	40	22	9	.775	.550
22. N.Y.G.	56	27	20	.839	.482	22. Jax.	52	29	17	.885	.558
23. Phil.	52	25	21	.885	.481	23. Dall.	32	18	11	.906	.563
24. Den.	52	25	19	.846	.481	24. Sea.	55	31	12	.782	.564
25. K.C.	38	18	16	.895	.474	25. K.C.	53	30	16	.868	.566
26. Det.	36	17	12	.806	.472	26. Phil.	51	29	13	.824	.569
27. Chi.	51	24	15	.765	.471	27. Ten.	56	33	17	.893	.589
28. Clev.	39	17	17	.872	.436	28. G.B.	46	28	7	.761	.609
29. Oak.	29	12	11	.793	.414	29. St.L.	59	36	15	.864	.610
30. Sea.	48	19	18	.771	.396	30. Hou.	37	24	8	.865	.649
31. St.L.	34	11	10	.618	.324	31. Chi.	56	37	12	.875	.661
32. Buff.	38	12	21	.868	.316	32. N.Y.G.	62	42	16	.935	.677

TURNOVER TABLE

TEAM	TURNOVERS			TAKEAWAYS			DIF
	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	
Green Bay	8	8	16	10	30	40	+24
Philadelphia	10	13	23	13	25	38	+15
New Orleans	16	12	28	13	26	39	+11
Baltimore	9	13	22	10	22	32	+10
San Francisco	10	14	24	15	18	33	+9
San Diego	7	10	17	11	14	25	+8
Denver	10	13	23	13	17	30	+7
Carolina	11	20	31	15	22	37	+6
Minnesota	11	7	18	13	11	24	+6
New England	9	13	22	10	18	28	+6
Atlanta	8	17	25	13	15	28	+3
Buffalo	11	19	30	5	28	33	+3
Dallas	10	9	19	10	11	21	+2
Indianapolis	5	19	24	10	16	26	+2
Jacksonville	13	10	23	10	15	25	+2
Kansas Crty	10	17	27	13	15	28	+1
New York Jets	9	21	30	14	17	31	+1
Cincinnati	12	13	25	6	19	25	+0
Houston	11	17	28	13	14	27	-1
Pittsburgh	11	14	25	10	12	22	-3
Tennessee	16	15	31	7	20	27	-4
Tampa Bay	5	29	34	10	19	29	-5
Chicago	7	27	34	15	13	28	-6
Arizona	18	18	36	8	21	29	-7
New York Giants	17	14	31	11	13	24	-7
Miami	10	19	29	6	15	21	-8
Seattle	12	19	31	10	13	23	-8
Washington	12	16	28	6	11	17	-11
Cleveland	13	18	31	9	10	19	-12
Oakland	15	18	33	12	8	20	-13
St.Louis	12	21	33	12	8	20	-13
Detroit	9	32	41	14	9	23	-18

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AFC TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE	BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	MIA	NE	NYJ	OAK	PIT	SD	TEN
W-L-T	9-7-0	6-10-0	10-6-0	5-11-0	8-8-0	9-7-0	14-2-0	7-9-0	4-12-0	7-9-0	10-6-0	9-7-0	5-11-0	9-7-0	13-3-0	8-8-0
First downs	320	233	295	237	306	340	339	300	256	333	373	280	234	331	330	288
Rushing	115	81	109	102	95	93	69	114	91	129	114	132	81	96	80	115
Passing	187	126	159	118	186	231	241	170	139	188	222	131	131	210	222	154
Penalty	18	26	27	17	25	16	29	16	26	16	37	17	22	25	28	19
Total yards	5619	4382	4946	4163	5463	6129	5809	5385	4851	5401	6357	5136	4258	5941	5761	5623
Yards per game	351.2	273.9	309.1	260.2	341.4	383.1	363.1	336.6	303.2	337.6	397.3	321.0	266.1	371.3	360.1	351.4
Rushing yards	2200	1867	2056	2087	1836	1475	1294	2029	1929	2231	1921	2756	1701	1793	1423	2592
Yards per game	137.5	116.7	128.5	130.4	114.8	92.2	80.9	126.8	120.6	139.4	120.1	172.3	106.3	112.1	88.9	162.0
Passing (net)	3419	2515	2890	2076	3627	4654	4515	3356	2922	3170	4436	2380	2557	4148	4338	3031
Yards per game	213.7	157.2	180.6	129.8	226.7	290.9	282.2	209.8	182.6	198.1	277.3	148.8	159.8	259.3	271.1	189.4
Rushing plays	468	424	505	498	440	425	366	447	438	509	466	607	410	428	427	499
Yards per rush	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.3	5.2
Pass attempts	510	441	477	443	558	593	601	519	536	545	592	393	485	536	519	476
Completed	321	256	286	219	341	399	402	315	296	331	390	210	255	351	338	271
Pct. completed	62.9	58.0	60.0	49.4	61.1	67.3	66.9	60.7	55.2	60.7	65.9	53.4	52.6	65.5	65.1	56.9
Sacked	36	46	29	30	34	25	13	44	45	34	18	30	49	50	26	15
Yards lost	218	274	244	179	198	149	90	243	261	226	104	216	318	348	168	73
Had intercepted	13	19	13	18	13	17	19	10	17	19	13	21	18	14	10	15
Yards opp. ret.	195	194	184	281	237	294	229	234	160	261	146	309	259	398	88	121
Opp. TD's/int.	0	3	2	2	3	3	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	2	0	0
Punts	74	90	86	94	78	67	64	72	97	75	57	80	96	72	52	69
Gross average	43.1	46.6	43.2	42.3	43.4	42.8	44.3	41.9	45.0	46.3	39.0	42.0	51.1	42.7	45.0	43.4
Touchbacks	5	10	10	8	8	6	6	5	6	6	5	9	12	4	2	6
Net average	37.9	40.2	36.3	37.8	36.7	39.4	37.8	38.3	40.8	39.8	34.1	36.7	43.9	37.1	39.2	38.7
Blocked	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Punt returns	39	33	40	39	44	45	29	27	32	33	38	50	36	36	26	33
Yards per ret.	7.4	6.6	11.9	11.7	9.5	10.0	5.2	8.6	6.5	7.2	11.4	9.1	4.9	8.1	7.0	6.7
Ret. for TD	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kickoff returns	59	64	62	69	57	64	55	66	77	75	54	44	66	66	63	69
Yards per ret.	26.2	23.7	21.9	24.2	21.4	22.6	22.2	22.6	21.6	23.2	22.7	24.4	18.2	24.0	22.9	20.5
Ret. for TD	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Penalties	115	107	114	77	93	95	74	70	84	78	81	88	117	85	78	98
Yards penalized	1094	855	863	678	800	833	546	542	667	640	743	677	920	769	570	821
Fumbles	19	24	24	21	15	21	11	26	31	27	17	24	30	21	14	27
Fumbles lost	9	11	12	13	10	11	5	13	10	10	9	9	15	11	7	16
Opp. fumbles	20	21	17	17	30	27	20	22	23	17	28	22	29	21	24	20
Opp. fum. lost	10	5	6	9	13	13	10	10	13	6	10	14	12	10	11	7
3rd-down att.	214	198	229	233	215	204	193	226	227	245	206	232	213	203	187	214
Converted	89	51	93	76	78	82	95	102	62	120	90	86	63	80	83	89
3rd-down pct.	41.6	25.8	40.6	32.6	36.3	40.2	49.2	45.1	27.3	49.0	43.7	37.1	29.6	39.4	44.4	41.6
4th-down att.	13	15	14	15	18	12	11	21	29	18	22	20	21	12	10	22
Converted	6	7	10	10	7	8	5	12	14	13	11	15	10	8	5	12
4th-down pct.	46.2	46.7	71.4	66.7	38.9	66.7	45.5	57.1	48.3	72.2	50.0	75.0	47.6	66.7	50.0	54.5
Time of poss.	29:18	27:50	31:59	28:28	30:03	31:54	27:40	30:08	27:37	31:54	32:55	31:43	28:18	32:13	29:58	28:27
Touchdowns	47	25	34	25	34	46	53	34	31	41	50	37	17	41	51	39
Rushing	22	6	9	10	9	13	16	19	8	22	19	21	7	10	17	19
Passing	21	17	21	11	21	29	34	15	18	15	28	12	10	28	29	16
Returns	4	2	4	4	4	4	3	0	5	4	3	4	0	3	5	4
1-pt. PAT/att.	46/47	24/24	28/29	22/23	32/32	43/44	50/51	30/31	29/29	37/38	47/47	32/32	17/17	41/41	50/51	37/37
2-pt. PAT/att.	0/0	0/1	2/5	1/2	0/2	1/2	0/2	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/3	2/5	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/2
FG/FGA	21/30	28/33	23/28	23/25	30/35	21/32	16/20	18/28	25/29	25/28	26/31	30/36	26/29	27/31	32/35	27/32
Points scored	391	258	305	245	326	388	416	290	294	360	427	348	197	368	454	354
DEFENSE	**BAL**	**BUF**	**CIN**	**CLE**	**DEN**	**HOU**	**IND**	**JAX**	**KC**	**MIA**	**NE**	**NYJ**	**OAK**	**PIT**	**SD**	**TEN**
Opp. points	261	326	291	375	324	333	307	380	424	390	285	236	379	324	320	402
Opp. 1st downs	280	310	276	336	290	300	320	307	318	297	289	237	314	274	309	323
Rushing	82	134	95	120	99	91	106	100	122	88	80	87	126	70	112	89
Passing	164	157	165	189	167	175	203	191	178	184	193	128	158	186	177	210
Penalty	34	19	16	27	24	34	11	16	18	25	16	22	30	18	20	24
Opp. tot. yards	4808	5449	4822	6229	5040	5198	5427	5637	6211	5589	5123	4037	5791	4885	5232	5850
Yards per game	300.5	340.6	301.4	389.3	315.0	324.9	339.2	352.3	388.2	349.3	320.2	252.3	361.9	305.3	327.0	365.6
Rushing yards	1492	2501	1573	2314	2059	1711	2024	1863	2504	1835	1768	1578	2488	1438	1884	1711
Yards per game	93.3	156.3	98.3	144.6	128.7	106.9	126.5	116.4	156.5	114.7	110.5	98.6	155.5	89.9	117.8	106.9
Passing (net)	3316	2948	3249	3915	2981	3487	3403	3774	3707	3754	3355	2459	3303	3447	3348	4139
Yards per game	207.3	184.3	203.1	244.7	186.3	217.9	212.7	235.9	231.7	234.6	209.7	153.7	206.4	215.4	209.3	258.7
Opp. rushes	435	535	399	506	458	396	467	458	531	435	398	420	548	372	422	402
Yards per rush	3.4	4.7	3.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.5	3.9	4.5	4.3
Opp. passes	524	519	547	526	510	548	583	510	509	489	512	501	438	548	534	604
Completed	306	295	318	313	298	344	372	345	302	281	300	259	259	319	326	404
Pct. completed	58.4	56.8	58.1	59.5	58.4	62.8	63.8	67.6	59.3	57.5	58.6	51.7	59.1	58.2	61.0	66.9
Sacked	32	32	34	40	39	30	34	14	22	44	31	32	37	47	35	32
Yards lost	190	189	237	234	241	187	228	79	137	242	229	245	228	314	221	224
Intercepted by	22	28	19	10	17	14	16	15	15	15	18	17	8	12	14	20
Yards returned	346	335	259	161	171	212	167	208	380	164	327	247	35	189	173	433
Ret. for TD	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	4
Opp. punts	79	78	83	77	76	76	65	62	79	67	79	99	77	86	63	76
Gross average	43.4	41.2	43.9	43.1	46.3	46.8	44.4	44.9	44.1	44.1	41.4	43.2	42.8	42.8	43.0	44.3
Touchbacks	10	4	12	7	3	2	5	5	8	7	2	7	4	7	8	7
Net average	37.2	37.4	35.3	35.4	40.0	40.4	40.5	39.5	39.4	38.4	35.4	37.2	39.5	37.8	37.6	39.5
Blocked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Opp. punt ret.	38	49	39	40	36	24	36	38	40	43	20	27	63	33	23	29
Yards per ret.	7.6	7.7	10.1	6.6	10.1	4.3	8.4	4.2	7.1	8.6	9.0	8.8	7.3	9.8	11.5	7.2
Opp. KO ret.	77	59	58	52	49	71	60	47	60	71	70	70	42	74	87	71
Yards per ret.	20.3	21.5	22.2	18.9	22.8	22.5	25.3	22.7	24.1	21.9	24.4	24.1	25.7	24.3	21.9	24.1
Opp. penalties	88	107	99	101	78	92	92	64	106	73	91	87	86	102	103	94
Yards penalized	741	919	767	812	726	728	889	498	821	589	780	680	684	903	795	724
Opp. 3rd downs	218	240	210	221	218	201	231	209	223	198	194	219	216	227	203	218
Converted	80	97	81	86	81	79	104	94	85	69	72	69	77	96	82	89
3rd-down pct.	36.7	40.4	38.6	38.9	37.2	39.3	45.0	45.0	38.1	34.8	37.1	31.5	35.6	42.3	40.4	40.8
Opp. 4th downs	17	26	15	20	16	21	19	17	11	15	21	19	14	10	20	17
Converted	7	14	7	10	8	9	6	12	6	8	10	7	9	7	10	12
4th-down pct.	41.2	53.8	46.7	50.0	50.0	42.9	31.6	70.6	54.5	53.3	47.6	36.8	64.3	70.0	50.0	70.6
Opp. TD's	27	37	32	41	34	39	31	44	48	42	35	26	41	37	35	48
Rushing	8	19	12	15	11	17	10	12	18	16	6	11	24	7	10	16
Passing	17	14	18	22	18	19	19	28	25	23	25	8	16	22	23	31
Returns	2	4	2	4	5	3	2	4	5	3	4	7	1	8	2	1
1-pt. PAT/att.	27/27	32/32	30/30	39/41	33/34	39/39	27/27	38/38	47/47	35/37	33/34	23/24	41/41	32/32	33/33	46/47
2-pt. PAT/att.	0/0	2/5	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/4	2/6	0/0	2/5	0/1	0/2	0/0	2/5	1/2	1/1
Opp. FG/FGA	24/27	22/28	23/29	30/36	29/31	20/23	30/36	24/28	29/37	33/39	14/20	19/23	30/40	22/29	25/29	22/27

NFC TEAM STATISTICS

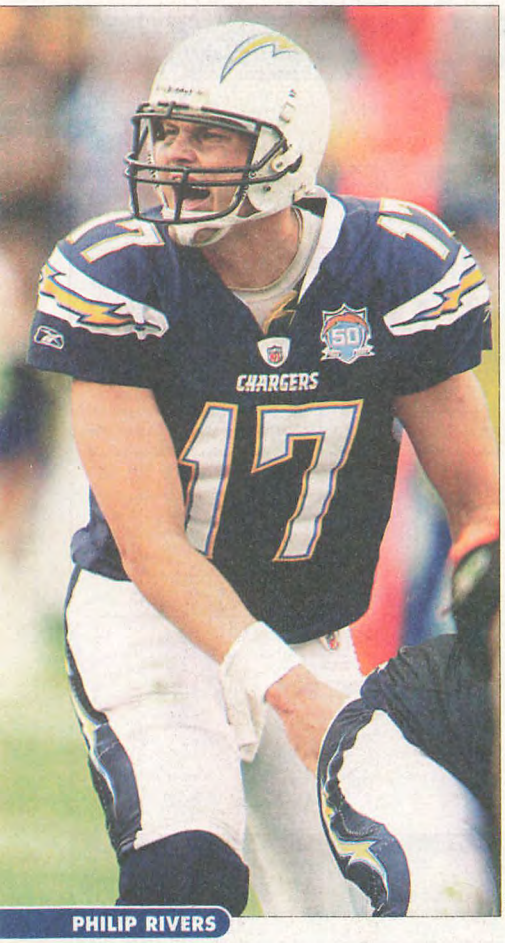
OFFENSE	AZ	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	SF	SEA	STL	TB	WAS	AVG.
W-L-T	10-6-0	9-7-0	8-8-0	7-9-0	11-5-0	2-14-0	11-5-0	12-4-0	13-3-0	8-8-0	11-5-0	8-8-0	5-11-0	1-15-0	3-13-0	4-12-0	
First downs	317	330	289	262	335	281	335	343	348	323	290	238	297	259	246	280	299.0
Rushing	77	105	123	71	110	82	102	99	115	103	87	77	80	79	80	72	96.2
Passing	215	192	152	170	203	168	201	220	215	194	182	137	184	159	148	191	179.6
Penalty	25	33	14	21	22	31	32	24	18	26	21	24	33	21	18	17	23.3
Total yards	5510	5447	5297	4965	6390	4784	6065	6074	6461	5856	5726	4652	5069	4470	4600	5000	5362.2
Yds p/gm	344.4	340.4	331.1	310.3	399.4	299.0	379.1	379.6	403.8	366.0	357.9	290.8	316.8	279.4	287.5	312.5	335.1
Rushing yds	1494	1876	2498	1492	2103	1616	1885	1918	2106	1837	1637	1600	1566	1784	1627	1510	1866.8
Yds p/gm	93.4	117.3	156.1	93.3	131.4	101.0	117.8	119.9	131.6	114.8	102.3	100.0	97.9	111.5	101.7	94.4	116.7
Passing (net)	4016	3571	2799	3473	4287	3168	4180	4156	4355	4019	4089	3052	3503	2686	2973	3490	3495.3
Yds p/gm	251.0	223.2	174.9	217.1	267.9	198.0	261.3	259.8	272.2	251.2	255.6	190.8	218.9	167.9	185.8	218.1	218.5
Rush. plays	365	451	525	373	436	409	438	467	468	443	384	371	395	411	404	391	440.3
Yds p/rush	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.0	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.2
Pass att.	594	570	465	563	550	585	553	553	544	542	553	528	609	543	524	533	532.3
Comp.	392	332	264	340	347	316	357	377	378	338	335	312	372	312	279	340	324.1
Pct. comp.	66.0	58.2	56.8	60.4	63.1	54.0	64.6	68.2	69.5	62.4	60.6	59.1	61.1	57.5	53.2	63.8	60.9
Sacked	26	27	33	35	34	43	51	34	20	32	38	40	41	44	33	46	34.4
Yards lost	184	126	271	204	196	303	312	247	135	227	291	241	268	284	161	307	220.8
Had int.	18	17	20	27	9	32	8	7	12	14	13	14	19	21	29	16	16.4
Yds opp. ret.	312	306	339	365	96	508	171	120	133	106	131	168	202	321	492	291	239.1
Opp. TD's/int.	3	2	3	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	2	3	1.5
Punts	86	63	77	77	72	74	67	73	58	64	76	99	89	90	87	76	76.6
Gross avg.	47.0	41.8	43.5	41.4	45.1	42.9	43.1	43.9	43.6	40.7	42.4	47.6	46.1	46.8	41.7	40.6	44.0
Touchbacks	3	3	4	2	3	5	10	9	4	2	4	8	9	10	8	6	6.2
Net avg.	40.6	36.3	36.6	37.4	39.9	36.8	34.1	37.8	36.0	36.0	38.3	41.0	38.7	41.7	36.3	36.1	38.3
Blocked	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2
Punt returns	45	27	34	39	39	28	34	48	33	36	35	49	46	37	40	32	36.9
Yards per ret.	6.8	10.0	8.3	8.5	10.9	8.3	6.9	9.5	4.6	10.9	13.5	4.4	7.5	10.7	11.6	4.8	8.5
Ret. for TD	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0.3
KO returns	54	55	51	80	47	96	54	56	57	71	58	52	60	76	62	65	62.6
Yds per ret.	23.8	24.3	19.9	25.0	22.0	21.4	22.1	23.2	24.4	20.9	20.5	21.8	21.9	23.2	26.3	21.7	22.6
Ret. for TD	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.6
Penalties	108	78	88	100	115	98	118	101	89	95	115	98	95	100	93	85	94.7
Yds penalized	886	664	698	836	892	768	1057	757	787	802	951	758	840	834	696	679	778.8
Fumbles	32	19	23	26	20	25	20	19	25	30	23	24	33	24	25	30	23.4
Fumbles lost	18	8	11	7	10	9	8	11	16	17	10	10	12	12	5	12	10.8
Opp. fumbles	20	23	28	27	23	26	24	35	18	28	25	29	21	26	18	21	23.4
Opp. fum. lost	8	13	15	15	10	14	10	13	13	11	13	15	10	12	10	6	10.8
3rd-down att.	190	216	220	217	202	234	219	223	197	210	207	218	225	226	218	216	214.9
Converted	69	91	82	81	82	84	103	100	88	90	75	65	75	73	71	86	82.9
3rd-down pct.	36.3	42.1	37.3	37.3	40.6	35.9	47.0	44.8	44.7	42.9	36.2	29.8	33.3	32.3	32.6	39.8	38.6
4th-down att.	9	23	20	18	11	26	9	12	15	15	14	21	19	28	22	22	17.4
Converted	5	16	9	7	4	7	3	8	6	9	6	12	8	10	9	7	8.7
4th-down pct.	55.6	69.6	45.0	38.9	36.4	26.9	33.3	66.7	40.0	60.0	42.9	57.1	42.1	35.7	40.9	31.8	50.1
Time of poss.	29:52	29:47	30:13	28:27	32:04	28:57	33:03	32:40	31:10	31:34	28:15	29:47	27:31	28:58	28:31	28:49	30:00
Touchdowns	46	44	35	36	43	28	54	56	64	46	47	39	30	17	28	29	39.0
Rushing	16	15	18	6	14	9	20	19	21	14	14	12	7	4	5	8	13.4
Passing	27	26	16	27	26	16	30	34	34	28	27	23	20	12	18	21	22.2
Returns	3	3	1	3	3	3	4	3	9	4	6	4	3	1	5	0	3.4
1-pt. PAT/att.	45/46	42/43	31/32	33/33	41/41	25/25	48/49	54/55	60/63	45/45	43/45	39/39	28/28	16/16	24/24	26/28	36.4/37.0
2-pt. PAT/att.	0/0	0/1	2/3	2/2	1/1	1/3	3/5	0/1	0/1	0/1	2/2	0/0	0/2	0/1	2/4	0/1	0.8/1.9
FG/FGA	18/19	19/29	22/27	24/28	20/31	21/28	27/36	26/28	22/28	27/32	32/37	19/24	24/26	19/24	16/26	22/25	23.6/29.1
Pts scored	375	363	315	327	361	262	461	470	510	402	429	330	280	175	244	266	343.5
DEFENSE	**AZ**	**ATL**	**CAR**	**CHI**	**DAL**	**DET**	**GB**	**MIN**	**NO**	**NYG**	**PHI**	**SF**	**SEA**	**STL**	**TB**	**WAS**	**AVG.**
Opp. points	325	325	308	375	250	494	297	312	341	427	337	281	390	436	400	336	343.5
Opp. 1st dns.	289	303	290	312	286	332	272	271	310	308	295	278	305	333	324	280	299.0
Rushing	81	89	109	105	74	95	68	63	111	103	81	77	80	127	129	85	96.2
Passing	188	197	155	186	186	213	168	183	175	182	179	176	204	182	171	176	179.6
Penalty	20	17	26	21	26	24	36	25	24	23	35	25	21	24	24	19	23.3
Opp. tot. yds	5543	5582	5053	5404	5054	6274	4551	4888	5724	5198	5137	5222	5703	5965	5849	5115	5362.2
Yds per game	346.4	348.9	315.8	337.8	315.9	392.1	284.4	305.5	357.8	324.9	321.1	326.4	356.4	372.8	365.6	319.7	335.1
Rushing yds	1804	1711	1997	2022	1448	2025	1333	1394	1955	1773	1675	1552	1776	2201	2531	1799	1866.8
Yds per game	112.8	106.9	124.8	126.4	90.5	126.6	83.3	87.1	122.2	110.8	104.7	97.0	111.0	137.6	158.2	112.4	116.7
Passing (net)	3739	3871	3056	3382	3606	4249	3218	3494	3769	3425	3462	3670	3927	3764	3318	3316	3495.3
Yds per game	233.7	241.9	191.0	211.4	225.4	265.6	201.1	218.4	235.6	214.1	216.4	229.4	245.4	235.3	207.4	207.3	218.5
Opp. rushes	402	433	450	467	365	458	371	357	435	423	413	426	428	500	529	449	440.3
Yds per rush	4.5	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.4	3.6	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.0	4.2
Opp. passes	593	536	495	531	572	545	540	535	574	498	580	580	568	491	482	511	532.3
Completed	346	335	305	341	344	371	294	341	330	314	354	352	374	315	301	314	324.1
Pct. comp.	58.3	62.5	61.6	64.2	60.1	68.1	54.4	63.7	57.5	63.1	61.0	60.7	65.8	64.2	62.4	61.4	60.9
Sacked	43	28	31	35	42	26	37	48	35	32	44	44	28	25	28	40	34.4
Yards lost	259	170	193	272	268	150	232	318	192	237	316	293	185	149	166	241	220.8
Int'cepted by	21	15	22	13	11	9	30	11	26	13	25	18	13	8	19	11	16.4
Yds returned	338	158	235	144	33	210	477	43	652	221	370	237	164	102	275	185	239.1
Ret. for TD	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	0	5	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	1.5
Opp. punts	84	62	74	71	92	66	74	89	71	72	80	95	82	75	72	70	76.6
Gross avg.	44.9	42.5	44.8	42.6	44.4	43.6	45.0	44.7	43.0	44.0	45.1	45.2	47.2	44.3	42.8	41.8	44.0
Touchbacks	8	5	10	6	9	4	6	6	7	2	8	7	6	8	4	4	6.2
Net average	39.4	36.5	38.2	36.3	37.8	38.9	40.2	38.2	38.9	38.0	37.2	41.5	41.5	36.9	35.3	38.5	38.3
Blocked	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.2
Opp. punt ret.	47	27	41	34	38	41	40	33	25	28	39	57	43	41	38	32	36.9
Yards per ret.	10.5	10.7	11.0	8.0	8.3	8.6	10.1	7.9	14.3	9.2	5.9	8.7	11.1	6.3	8.2	6.9	8.5
Opp. KO ret.	61	46	51	64	47	58	80	91	74	77	81	65	46	43	46	56	62.6
Yards per ret.	20.5	20.5	24.8	24.3	20.6	23.3	22.8	22.6	24.5	21.0	23.5	21.8	23.0	24.0	19.1	19.7	22.6
Opp. penalties	104	110	82	88	93	113	107	109	86	88	104	114	111	80	80	98	94.7
Yds penalized	840	892	632	744	768	944	914	902	717	678	789	969	971	613	731	763	778.8
Opp. 3rd dns.	232	214	197	226	200	210	211	200	216	199	221	240	223	209	214	219	214.9
Converted	82	97	70	93	70	85	76	69	82	77	73	88	87	91	86	87	82.9
3rd-down pct.	35.3	45.3	35.5	41.2	35.0	40.5	36.0	34.5	38.0	38.7	33.0	36.7	39.0	43.5	40.2	39.7	38.6
Opp. 4th dns.	24	17	17	13	12	15	25	12	24	19	30	15	12	12	15	17	17.4
Converted	12	8	9	6	6	10	10	5	11	12	17	6	6	6	9	4	8.7
4th-down pct.	50.0	47.1	52.9	46.2	50.0	66.7	40.0	41.7	45.8	63.2	56.7	40.0	50.0	50.0	60.0	23.5	50.1
Opp. TD's	38	38	36	43	28	57	36	36	37	54	39	28	46	54	46	34	39.0
Rushing	13	10	15	14	7	18	5	5	19	21	11	12	17	24	16	10	13.4
Passing	22	25	14	29	19	35	29	26	15	31	27	14	27	22	28	19	22.2
Returns	3	3	7	0	2	4	2	5	3	2	1	2	2	8	2	5	3.4
1-pt. PAT/att.	38/38	37/38	33/33	38/40	28/28	55/55	34/34	30/31	36/36	47/51	38/38	26/27	44/44	51/52	44/46	31/31	36.4/37.0
2-pt. PAT/att.	0/0	0/0	1/3	2/3	0/0	1/2	1/2	0/4	0/1	1/3	1/1	0/1	2/2	1/2	0/0	2/3	0.8/1.9
Opp. FG/FGA	19/25	20/28	19/27	25/33	18/26	31/34	13/17	22/26	27/32	18/21	21/24	29/34	22/31	19/22	26/32	31/36	23.6/29.1

AFC TEAM RANKINGS

OFFENSE	BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	MIA	NE	NYJ	OAK	PIT	SD	TEN
Total Yards/Game	13	30	24	32	15	4	9	18	25	17	3	20	31	7	10	12
Rushing Yards/Game	5	16	9	8	18	30	32	10	11	4	12	1	21	19	31	2
Avg. Gain/Rush	4	9	24	15	17	31	30	6	8	10	21	5	19	16	32	1
Passing Yards/Game	18	30	26	32	13	1	2	19	25	20	3	31	29	9	5	23
Avg. Gain/Pass Play	13	27	20	32	15	3	4	18	29	23	6	21	30	8	1	14
Pct. Had Intercepted	10	28	14	26	8	15	21	4t	22	23	6	30	24	12	4t	20
Pct. QB Sacks Allowed	20	32	10	18	11	5	1	27	26	15	2	24	31	30	8	3
First Downs/Game	13	32	18	30	15	4	5	16	27	8	1	23t	31	9	10t	21
Avg. Gain/Off. Play	14	26	24	32	16	6	3	15	28	22	5	21	30	8	4	12
3rd Down Efficiency	11t	32	13	26	22	15	1	4	31	2	8	20	30	17	7	11t
4th Down Efficiency	19	18	3	5t	26t	5t	20	10t	16	2	14t	1	17	5t	14t	13
Punt Return Avg.	20	26	2	3	11	10	28	14	27	21	5	13	29	18	22	25
Kickoff Return Avg.	2	10	22	7	27	16	18	17	25	12	15	5	32	8	14	29
Gross Punting Avg.	19	5	17	24	15	21	11	26	10	6	32	25	1	22	9	16
Net Punting Avg.	15	6	25	17	23	9	18	14	4	8	32	22	1	20	10	12
Points/Game	9	28	22	29	20	10	7	24	23	15	6	17	31	12	4	16
One-Point Conversion Pct.	21	1t	28	29	1t	23	18t	27	1t	25	1t	1t	1t	1t	18t	1t
Field Goal Pct.	27	14	19	4	12t	28	21	31	11	7	17	18	6	9	5	15t
DEFENSE	**BAL**	**BUF**	**CIN**	**CLE**	**DEN**	**HOU**	**IND**	**JAX**	**KC**	**MIA**	**NE**	**NYJ**	**OAK**	**PIT**	**SD**	**TEN**
Opp. Yards/Game	3	19	4	31	7	13t	18	23	30	22	11	1	26	5	16	28
Opp. Rush Yds./Game	5	30	7	28	26	10t	24	19	31	18	13	8	29	3	20	10t
Avg. Gain/Rush	1	30	7	29	27	17	19	12	31	15	23	4	28	5	24	16
Opp. Pass Yds./Game	8t	2	6	29	3	18	14	27	22	24	12	1	7	16	11	31
Avg. Gain/Pass Play	14	2	7	26	3	18	4	30	28	29	19	1	27	8	13	23
Pct. Intercepted By	6	2	10	29	12	22	19	17	16	15	9	11	30	25	20	13
QB Sack Pct.	20	19	18	7	6	25	23	32	31	1	22	16	4	3	14	26
Opp. 1st Downs/Game	7t	22t	5	32	12t	16	27	19	26	15	10t	1	25	4	21	28
Avg. Gain/Def. Play	3	9	4	29	7	17	8	27	30	28	19	1	26	10	16	25
3rd Down Efficiency	11	24	16	18	13	20	31	30	15	4	12	1	8	28	23	26
4th Down Efficiency	6	23	11	14t	14t	8	2	31t	24	22	13	3	28	30	14t	31t
Opp. Punt Return Avg.	10	11	25	5	26	2	16	1	7	17	21	20	9	23	31	8
Opp. Kickoff Ret. Avg.	4	9	13	1	17	14	31	16	24	11	28	23	32	27	12	25
Opp. Gross Punt Avg.	13	1	15	11	30	31	21	25	18	17	2	12	8	7	10	19
Opp. Net Punt Avg.	9	11	1	4	27	29	30	26	23	18	3	10	24	14	12	25
Opp. Points/Game	3	16	6	21t	12t	17	8	24	29	25t	5	1	23	12t	11	28
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	30	12	13	17t	32	28	17t	23t	11	20t	2	16	6	8	26	15
MISCELLANEOUS	**BAL**	**BUF**	**CIN**	**CLE**	**DEN**	**HOU**	**IND**	**JAX**	**KC**	**MIA**	**NE**	**NYJ**	**OAK**	**PIT**	**SD**	**TEN**
Point Differential	6	23	16	27t	18	11	9	25	27t	20	4	7	30	14	5	21t
Turnover Edge	4	11t	18	29	7	19	13t	13t	16t	26t	8t	16t	30t	20	6	21
Penalty Yards Edge	32	12	23	8t	21	25	1	16	6	18	13	15	31	8t	3	24
Punt Ret. Differential	14	20	9	3	17	2	27	4	18	21	8	13	24	22	31	16
KO Return Differential	2	6	20	3	24	14	29	17	27	9	25	13	32	19	10	30
Time of Possession	19	29	6	24	14	7t	30	13	31	7t	2	9	27	4	15	25t

NFC TEAM RANKINGS

OFFENSE	AZ	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	SF	SEA	STL	TB	WAS
Total Yards/Game	14	16	19	23	2	26	6	5	1	8	11	27	21	29	28	22
Rushing Yards/Game	28	15	3	29	7	24	14	13	6	17	22	25	26	20	23	27
Avg. Gain/Rush	23	18	3	26	2	28	13	22	7	20	14	12	27	11	25	29
Passing Yards/Game	12	14	27	17	6	21	7	8	4	11	10	22	15	28	24	16
Avg. Gain/Pass Play	12	17	22	19	5	28	10	7	2	9	11	25	24	31	26	16
Pct. Had Intercepted	18	16	27	29	3	31	2	1	7	11	9	13	19	25	32	17
Pct. QB Sacks Allowed	6	7	21	14	13	22	29	12	4	9	19	23	17	25	16	28
First Downs/Game	14	10t	20	25	6t	22	6t	3	2	12	19	29	17	26	28	23t
Avg. Gain/Off. Play	13	17	18	20	1	29	9	10	2	11	7	23	25	31	27	19
3rd Down Efficiency	21	10	19	18	14	24	3	5	6	9	23	29	25	28	27	16
4th Down Efficiency	12	4	21	26t	28	32	30	5t	25	9	22	10t	23	29	24	31
Punt Return Avg.	24	9	17	15	6	16	23	12	31	7	1	32	19	8	4	30
Kickoff Return Avg.	9	6	31	3	20	26	19	13	4	28	30	23	21	11	1	24
Gross Punting Avg.	3	27	14	29	8	20	18	12	13	30	23	2	7	4	28	31
Net Punting Avg.	5	26	24	19	7	21	31	16	29	30	13	3	11	2	27	28
Points/Game	11	13	21	19	14	27	3	2	1	8	5	18	25	32	30	26
One-Point Conversion Pct.	22	24	26	1t	1t	1t	20	17	31	1t	30	1t	1t	1t	1t	32
Field Goal Pct.	1	29	20	12t	30	25t	25t	2	24	15t	10	22t	3	22t	32	8
DEFENSE	**AZ**	**ATL**	**CAR**	**CHI**	**DAL**	**DET**	**GB**	**MIN**	**NO**	**NYG**	**PHI**	**SF**	**SEA**	**STL**	**TB**	**WAS**
Opp. Yards/Game	20	21	8	17	9	32	2	6	25	13t	12	15	24	29	27	10
Opp. Rush Yds./Game	17	10t	22	23	4	25	1	2	21	14	9	6	15	27	32	16
Avg. Gain/Rush	25	8	22	18	9	21	2	6	26	14	11	3	13	20	32	10
Opp. Pass Yds./Game	23	28	4	13	20	32	5	19	26	15	17	21	30	25	10	8t
Avg. Gain/Pass Play	11	25	9	15	10	32	6	16	20	21	5	12	24	31	22	17
Pct. Intercepted By	8	18	4	23	28	31	1	27	3	21	5	14	24	32	7	26
QB Sack Pct.	11	27	17	13	10	30	12	2	21	15	8t	8t	29	28	24	5
Opp. 1st Downs/Game	10t	17	12t	24	9	30	3	2	22t	20	14	6	18	31	29	7t
Avg. Gain/Def. Play	18	23	13	15	12	32	2	14	21	20	5	6	22	31	24	11
3rd Down Efficiency	6	32	7	27	5	25	9	3	14	17	2	10	19	29	22	21
4th Down Efficiency	14t	12	21	10	14t	29	4t	7	9	27	25	4t	14t	14t	26	1
Opp. Punt Return Avg.	27	28	29	13	15	18	24	12	32	22	3	19	30	4	14	6
Opp. Kickoff Ret. Avg.	5	6	30	26	7	20	18	15	29	8	21	10	19	22	2	3
Opp. Gross Punt Avg.	26	4	24	5	22	14	27	23	9	16	28	29	32	20	6	3
Opp. Net Punt Avg.	22	6	16	5	13	20	28	17	21	15	8	31	32	7	2	19
Opp. Points/Game	14t	14t	9	21t	2	32	7	10	20	30	19	4	25t	31	27	18
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	9	5	3	7	1	31	10	20t	19	23t	29	22	4	27	14	25
MISCELLANEOUS	**AZ**	**ATL**	**CAR**	**CHI**	**DAL**	**DET**	**GB**	**MIN**	**NO**	**NYG**	**PHI**	**SF**	**SEA**	**STL**	**TB**	**WAS**
Point Differential	12	15	17	21t	8	31	2	3	1	19	10	13	26	32	29	24
Turnover Edge	24t	11t	8t	23	13t	32	1	8t	3	24t	2	5	26t	30t	22	28
Penalty Yards Edge	17	2	19	22	26t	5	28	7	20	26t	29	4	10	30	14	11
Punt Ret. Differential	29	19	25	12	7	15	26	11	32	10	1	30	28	5	6	23
KO Return Differential	5	4	31	11	8	26	21	12	16	18	28	15	23	22	1	7
Time of Possession	16	17t	12	25t	5	21	1	3	11	10	28	17t	32	20	23	22



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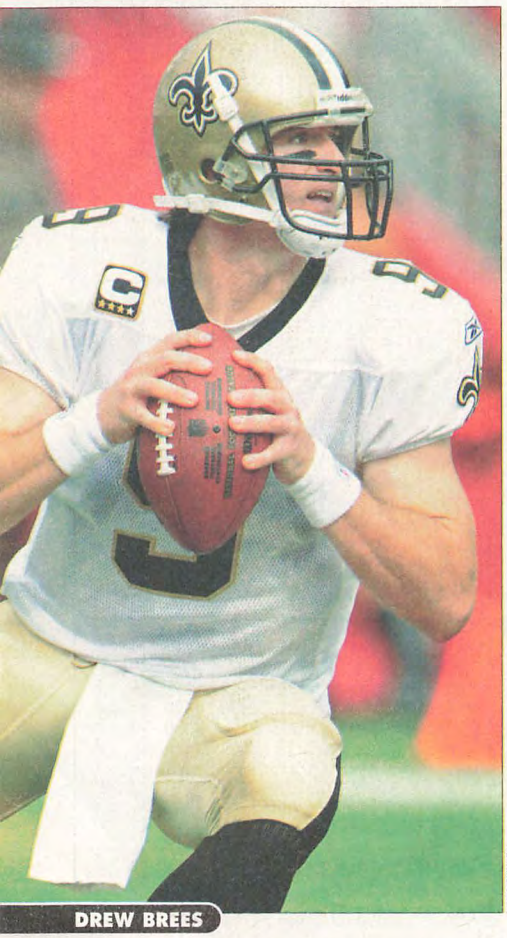

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AFC PASSING

	TEAM	ATT	COMP	COMP PCT	YDS	TD	TD PCT	LG	INT	INT PCT	AVG GAIN	QB RTG
Rivers	S.D.	486	317	65.2	4,254	28	5.8	81	9	1.9	8.75	104.4
Roethlisberger	Pitt.	506	337	66.6	4,328	26	5.1	60	12	2.4	8.55	100.5
Manning	Ind.	571	393	68.8	4,500	33	5.8	80	16	2.8	7.88	99.9
Schaub	Hou.	583	396	67.9	4,770	29	5.0	72	15	2.6	8.18	98.6
T. Brady	N.E.	565	371	65.7	4,398	28	5.0	81	13	2.3	7.78	96.2
Flacco	Balt.	499	315	63.1	3,613	21	4.2	72	12	2.4	7.24	88.9
Orton	Den.	541	336	62.1	3,802	21	3.9	87	12	2.2	7.03	86.8
C. Palmer	Cin.	466	282	60.5	3,094	21	4.5	73	13	2.8	6.64	83.6
Garrard	Jax.	516	314	60.9	3,597	15	2.9	63	10	1.9	6.97	83.5
Young	Ten.	259	152	58.7	1,879	10	3.9	66	7	2.7	7.25	82.8
Henne	Mia.	451	274	60.8	2,878	12	2.7	67	14	3.1	6.38	75.2
Cassel	K.C.	493	271	55.0	2,924	16	3.2	61	16	3.2	5.93	69.9
Fitzpatrick	Buff.	227	127	55.9	1,422	9	4.0	98	10	4.4	6.26	69.7
Quinn	Clev.	256	136	53.1	1,339	8	3.1	59	7	2.7	5.23	67.2
Sanchez	N.Y.J.	364	196	53.8	2,444	12	3.3	65	20	5.5	6.71	63.0
J. Russell	Oak.	246	120	48.8	1,287	3	1.2	86	11	4.5	5.23	50.0
NON-QUALIFIERS												
Moorman	Buff.	1	1	100.0	25	1	100.0	25	0	0.0	25.00	158.3
Addai	Ind.	1	1	100.0	22	1	100.0	22	0	0.0	22.00	158.3
Jackson	Buff.	1	1	100.0	27	1	100.0	27	0	0.0	27.00	158.3
Moore	Pitt.	1	1	100.0	6	1	100.0	6	0	0.0	6.00	131.3
Croyle	K.C.	40	23	57.5	230	2	5.0	50	0	0.0	5.75	90.6
Thigpen	Mia.	8	4	50.0	83	1	12.5	34	2	25.0	10.38	87.0
Brown	Mia.	6	2	33.3	22	1	16.7	21	0	0.0	3.67	84.7
Volek	S.D.	31	20	64.5	231	1	3.2	50	1	3.2	7.45	84.2
Hoyer	N.E.	27	19	70.4	142	0	0.0	17	0	0.0	5.26	82.6
Gradkowski	Oak.	150	82	54.7	1,007	6	4.0	75	3	2.0	6.71	80.6
Batch	Pitt.	2	1	50.0	17	0	0.0	17	0	0.0	8.50	79.2
Pennington	Mia.	74	51	68.9	413	1	1.4	21	2	2.7	5.58	76.0
Edwards	Buff.	183	110	60.1	1,169	6	3.3	46	7	3.8	6.39	73.8
Collins	Ten.	216	119	55.1	1,225	6	2.8	69	8	3.7	5.67	65.5
Frye	Oak.	87	53	60.9	581	1	1.1	33	4	4.6	6.68	65.3
Clemens	N.Y.J.	26	13	50.0	125	0	0.0	26	0	0.0	4.81	63.8
Dixon	Pitt.	26	12	46.2	145	1	3.8	33	1	3.8	5.58	60.6
O'Sullivan	Cin.	11	4	36.4	40	0	0.0	16	0	0.0	3.64	47.5
Brohm	Buff.	29	17	58.6	146	0	0.0	15	2	6.9	5.03	43.2
McCown	Jax.	3	1	33.3	2	0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0.67	42.4
Anderson	Clev.	182	81	44.5	888	3	1.6	43	10	5.5	4.88	42.1
White	Mia.	5	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.00	39.6
T. Smith	Balt.	9	5	55.6	24	0	0.0	9	1	11.1	2.67	21.3
Simms	Den.	17	5	29.4	23	0	0.0	7	1	5.9	1.35	15.1
Painter	Ind.	28	8	28.6	83	0	0.0	22	2	7.1	2.96	9.8
Cribbs	Clev.	4	1	25.0	18	0	0.0	18	1	25.0	4.50	6.3
Grossman	Hou.	9	3	33.3	33	0	0.0	21	1	11.1	3.67	5.6

NFC PASSING

	TEAM	ATT	COMP	COMP PCT	YDS	TD	TD PCT	LG	INT	INT PCT	AVG GAIN	QB RTG
Brees	N.O.	514	363	70.6	4,388	34	6.6	75	11	2.1	8.54	109.6
Favre	Minn.	531	363	68.4	4,202	33	6.2	63	7	1.3	7.91	107.2
Rodgers	G.B.	541	350	64.7	4,434	30	5.5	83	7	1.3	8.20	103.2
Romo	Dall.	550	347	63.1	4,483	26	4.7	80	9	1.6	8.15	97.6
Warner	Ariz.	513	339	66.1	3,753	26	5.1	45	14	2.7	7.32	93.2
Manning	N.Y.G.	509	317	62.3	4,021	27	5.3	74	14	2.8	7.90	93.1
McNabb	Phil.	443	267	60.3	3,553	22	5.0	60	10	2.3	8.02	92.9
J. Campbell	Wash.	507	327	64.5	3,618	20	3.9	84	15	3.0	7.14	86.4
A. Smith	S.F.	372	225	60.5	2,350	18	4.8	73	12	3.2	6.32	81.5
Ryan	Atl.	451	263	58.3	2,916	22	4.9	90	14	3.1	6.47	80.9
Cutler	Chi.	555	336	60.5	3,666	27	4.9	71	26	4.7	6.61	76.8
Hasselbeck	Sea.	488	293	60.0	3,029	17	3.5	53	17	3.5	6.21	75.1
Bulger	St.L.	247	140	56.7	1,469	5	2.0	50	6	2.4	5.95	70.7
Stafford	Det.	377	201	53.3	2,267	13	3.4	75	20	5.3	6.01	61.0
Freeman	T.B.	290	158	54.5	1,855	10	3.4	42	18	6.2	6.40	59.8
Delhomme	Car.	321	178	55.5	2,015	8	2.5	52	18	5.6	6.28	59.4
NON-QUALIFIERS												
Jo. Brown	St.L.	1	1	100.0	36	1	100.0	36	0	0.0	36.00	158.3
T. Jackson	Minn.	21	14	66.7	201	1	4.8	34	0	0.0	9.57	113.4
M. Moore	Car.	138	85	61.6	1,053	8	5.8	66	2	1.4	7.63	98.5
H. Smith	Wash.	2	1	50.0	35	1	50.0	35	1	50.0	17.50	95.8
Vick	Phil.	13	6	46.2	86	1	7.7	43	0	0.0	6.62	93.8
Carr	N.Y.G.	33	21	63.6	225	1	3.0	37	0	0.0	6.82	93.6
Kolb	Phil.	96	62	64.6	741	4	4.2	71	3	3.1	7.72	88.9
S. Wallace	Sea.	120	78	65.0	700	3	2.5	39	2	1.7	5.83	81.9
S. Hill	S.F.	155	87	56.1	943	5	3.2	61	2	1.3	6.08	79.6
Redman	Atl.	119	69	58.0	781	4	3.4	50	3	2.5	6.56	78.4
Collins	Wash.	23	12	52.2	144	0	0.0	46	0	0.0	6.26	71.6
Leftwich	T.B.	107	58	54.2	594	4	3.7	47	3	2.8	5.55	71.2
Culpepper	Det.	157	89	56.7	945	3	1.9	38	6	3.8	6.02	64.8
Leinart	Ariz.	77	51	66.2	435	0	0.0	28	3	3.9	5.65	64.6
Boller	St.L.	176	98	55.7	899	3	1.7	35	6	3.4	5.11	61.2
St. Pierre	Ariz.	4	2	50.0	12	1	25.0	9	1	25.0	3.00	56.3
J. Johnson	T.B.	125	63	50.4	685	4	3.2	35	8	6.4	5.48	50.9
Null	St.L.	119	73	61.3	566	3	2.5	25	9	7.6	4.76	49.9
Brunell	N.O.	30	15	50.0	102	0	0.0	18	1	3.3	3.40	44.0
McCown	Car.	6	1	16.7	2	0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0.33	39.6
Flynn	G.B.	12	7	58.3	58	0	0.0	17	1	8.3	4.83	36.1
Stanton	Det.	51	26	51.0	259	0	0.0	30	6	11.8	5.08	26.1
Hanie	Chi.	7	3	42.9	11	0	0.0	5	1	14.3	1.57	10.7

Excludes players who attempted only one pass, unless it was a TD pass.

AFC RUSHING

	TEAM	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Johnson	Ten.	358	2,006	5.6	91	14
Jones	N.Y.J.	331	1,402	4.2	71	14
Jones-Drew	Jax.	312	1,391	4.5	80	15
Rice	Balt.	254	1,339	5.3	59	7
Benson	Cin.	301	1,251	4.2	42	6
Williams	Mia.	241	1,121	4.7	68	11
Charles	K.C.	190	1,120	5.9	76	7
Mendenhall	Pitt.	242	1,108	4.6	60	7
Jackson	Buff.	237	1,062	4.5	43	2
Moreno	Den.	247	947	3.8	36	7
J. Harrison	Clev.	194	862	4.4	71	5
Addai	Ind.	219	828	3.8	21	10
Maroney	N.E.	194	757	3.9	45	9
Tomlinson	S.D.	223	730	3.3	36	12
Brown	Mia.	147	648	4.4	45	8
Buckhalter	Den.	120	642	5.4	45	1
Bush	Oak.	123	589	4.8	60	3
L. Johnson	K.C.-Cin.	178	581	3.3	27	0
McGahee	Balt.	109	544	5.0	77	12
Greene	N.Y.J.	108	540	5.0	33	2
J. Lewis	Clev.	143	500	3.5	18	0
Fargas	Oak.	129	491	3.8	35	3
Lynch	Buff.	120	450	3.8	47	2
Slaton	Hou.	131	437	3.3	32	3
Moats	Hou.	101	390	3.9	17	4
Parker	Pitt.	98	389	4.0	34	0
Cribbs	Clev.	55	381	6.9	37	1
McFadden	Oak.	104	357	3.4	28	1
Sproles	S.D.	93	343	3.7	21	3
Faulk	N.E.	62	335	5.4	29	2
L. Washington	N.Y.J.	72	331	4.6	33	0
Garrard	Jax.	77	323	4.2	30	3
Scott	Cin.	74	321	4.3	61	0
Morris	N.E.	73	319	4.4	55	2
Brown	Ind.	78	281	3.6	45	3
Young	Ten.	55	281	5.1	44	2
F. Taylor	N.E.	63	269	4.3	19	4
C. Brown	Hou.	79	267	3.4	13	3
Foster	Hou.	54	257	4.8	24	3
White	Ten.	64	222	3.5	11	2
Jennings	Clev.	63	220	3.5	16	1
B. Smith	N.Y.J.	18	207	11.5	57	1
Jennings	Jax.	39	202	5.2	28	1
Cassel	K.C.	50	189	3.8	13	0
L. McClain	Balt.	46	180	3.9	20	2
Tolbert	S.D.	25	148	5.9	32	1
Fitzpatrick	Buff.	31	141	4.5	31	1
Polite	Mia.	37	123	3.3	13	0
Moore	Pitt.	35	118	3.4	15	0
Green-Ellis	N.E.	26	114	4.4	29	0
Gradkowski	Oak.	18	108	6.0	21	0
Edwards	Buff.	14	106	7.6	20	0
Sanchez	N.Y.J.	36	106	2.9	14	3
Simpson	Ind.	15	102	6.8	31	2
Quinn	Clev.	20	98	4.9	24	1
C. Palmer	Cin.	39	93	2.4	15	3
Hilliard	Mia.	23	89	3.9	18	1
M. Thomas	Jax.	12	86	7.2	22	0
Jordan	Den.	25	86	3.4	13	0
Leonard	Cin.	27	84	3.1	11	0
Roethlisberger	Pitt.	40	82	2.1	15	2
White	Mia.	21	81	3.9	33	0
Hester	S.D.	21	74	3.5	15	0
Orton	Den.	24	71	3.0	13	0
Hart	Ind.	26	70	2.7	15	1
M. Bennett	S.D.	23	65	2.8	14	0
Woodhead	N.Y.J.	15	64	4.3	16	0
Schaub	Hou.	48	57	1.2	19	0
Flacco	Balt.	35	56	1.6	10	0
Castille	K.C.	14	55	3.9	16	0
Hillis	Den.	13	54	4.2	13	1
Owens	Buff.	6	54	9.0	29	1
Rivers	S.D.	26	50	1.9	15	1
Richardson	N.Y.J.	7	48	6.9	19	0
Ginn	Mia.	7	48	6.9	22	0
Wallace	Pitt.	5	48	9.6	21	0
Ringer	Ten.	8	48	6.0	32	0
Savage	K.C.	10	45	4.5	11	0
J. Russell	Oak.	18	44	2.4	15	0
T. Brady	N.E.	29	44	1.5	9	1
Weatherford	N.Y.J.	2	42	21.0	26	0
Lawrence	K.C.	2	42	21.0	26	0
Frye	Oak.	4	41	10.3	26	0
Marshall	Den.	7	39	5.6	14	0
Welker	N.E.	5	36	7.2	11	0
Cobbs	Mia.	6	36	6.0	19	0
McIntyre	Buff.	5	34	6.8	25	0
Ko. Smith	K.C.	15	33	2.2	12	0
Henne	Mia.	16	32	2.0	12	1
Ochocinco	Cin.	3	32	10.7	26	0
T. Smith	Balt.	8	31	3.9	15	1
Murphy	Oak.	6	31	5.2	13	0
B. Hartline	Mia.	4	29	7.3	16	1
Clayton	Balt.	4	28	7.0	12	0
Dixon	Pitt.	3	27	9.0	24	1
Walter	Hou.	4	26	6.5	13	0
Hoyer	N.E.	10	25	2.5	20	1
Collins	Ten.	11	15	1.4	10	1
Anderson	Clev.	10	8	0.8	3	2
Cotchery	N.Y.J.	2	7	3.5	6	1
Cox	K.C.	3	5	1.7	2	1

Excludes players who gained fewer than 25 yards and did not score a touchdown.

NFC RUSHING

	TEAM	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Jackson	St.L.	324	1,416	4.4	58	4
Peterson	Minn.	314	1,383	4.4	64	18
Grant	G.B.	282	1,253	4.4	62	11
Stewart	Car.	221	1,133	5.1	67	10
Gore	S.F.	229	1,120	4.9	80	10
D. Williams	Car.	216	1,117	5.2	77	7
Barber	Dall.	214	932	4.4	35	7
Forte	Chi.	258	929	3.6	61	4
Turner	Atl.	178	871	4.9	58	10
Jacobs	N.Y.G.	224	835	3.7	31	5
C. Williams	T.B.	211	823	3.9	35	4
B. Wells	Ariz.	176	793	4.5	33	7
P. Thomas	N.O.	147	793	5.4	34	6
Bradshaw	N.Y.G.	163	778	4.8	38	7
Kev. Smith	Det.	217	747	3.4	31	4
F. Jones	Dall.	116	685	5.9	56	3
J. Jones	Sea.	177	663	3.7	62	2
M. Bell	N.O.	172	654	3.8	35	5
McCoy	Phil.	155	637	4.1	66	4
Forsett	Sea.	114	619	5.4	35	4
Snelling	Atl.	142	613	4.3	31	4
Hightower	Ariz.	143	598	4.2	50	8
Portis	Wash.	124	494	4.0	78	1
Ward	T.B.	114	409	3.6	28	1
Bush	N.O.	70	390	5.6	55	5
Morris	Det.	93	384	4.1	64	2
Choice	Dall.	64	349	5.5	66	3
Taylor	Minn.	94	338	3.6	25	1
Weaver	Phil.	70	323	4.6	41	2
Rodgers	G.B.	58	316	5.4	35	5
Westbrook	Phil.	61	274	4.5	25	1
Norwood	Atl.	76	252	3.3	21	0
J. Campbell	Wash.	46	236	5.1	21	1
Cartwright	Wash.	64	228	3.6	34	0
Coffee	S.F.	83	226	2.7	17	1
Bell	Chi.	40	220	5.5	72	0
Betts	Wash.	56	210	3.8	18	2
Ganther	Wash.	62	201	3.2	13	3
Cutler	Chi.	40	173	4.3	30	1
Freeman	T.B.	30	161	5.4	20	0
Green	G.B.	41	160	3.9	26	1
Darby	St.L.	27	152	5.6	51	0
J. Johnson	T.B.	22	148	6.7	29	0
McNabb	Phil.	37	140	3.8	27	2
D. Jackson	Phil.	11	137	12.5	67	1
Harvin	Minn.	15	135	9.0	35	0
Brown	Det.	27	131	4.9	19	0
Mason	Wash.	32	127	4.0	20	0
Hamilton	N.O.	35	125	3.6	19	2
James	Sea.	46	125	2.7	10	0
Wolfe	Chi.	22	120	5.5	36	1
Hasselbeck	Sea.	26	119	4.6	23	0
Jackson	G.B.	37	111	3.0	9	2
Stafford	Det.	20	108	5.4	21	2
Romo	Dall.	35	105	3.0	17	1
Vick	Phil.	24	95	4.0	34	2
Culpepper	Det.	18	91	5.1	32	0
Meachem	N.O.	6	82	13.7	41	0
Boller	St.L.	13	76	5.8	16	0
C. Johnson	Det.	7	73	10.4	19	0
Ware	N.Y.G.	13	73	5.6	14	1
S. Hill	S.F.	8	70	8.8	22	0
Sutton	Car.	12	68	5.7	20	0
Graham	T.B.	14	66	4.7	17	0
Manning	N.Y.G.	17	65	3.8	14	0
Morgan	S.F.	5	61	12.2	20	0
Delhomme	Car.	17	60	3.5	11	0
Young	Minn.	12	53	4.4	10	0
Weems	Atl.	8	53	6.6	31	0
Hoover	Car.	20	52	2.6	18	1
Peterson	Chi.	7	51	7.3	15	0
A. Smith	S.F.	24	51	2.1	11	0
Ogbonnaya	St.L.	11	50	4.5	18	0
Goodson	Car.	22	49	2.2	11	0
Ryan	Atl.	30	49	1.6	7	1
Felton	Det.	15	46	3.1	10	0
Breaston	Ariz.	2	44	22.0	25	0
Buckley	Phil.	15	44	2.9	9	1
G. Johnson	N.Y.G.	13	43	3.3	11	0
Norris	S.F.	14	41	2.9	15	1
Rankin	Sea.	8	36	4.5	12	0
Walker	S.F.	3	34	11.3	16	0
Stanton	Det.	9	33	3.7	11	1
Brees	N.O.	22	33	1.5	10	2
Avery	St.L.	4	30	7.5	15	0
Crayton	Dall.	4	28	7.0	20	0
Carr	N.Y.G.	9	27	3.0	12	1
Gado	St.L.	14	26	1.9	11	0
Kuhn	G.B.	8	18	2.3	5	1
H. Evans	N.O.	5	16	3.2	6	1
Boldin	Ariz.	3	12	4.0	5	1
H. Smith	Wash.	1	8	8.0	8	1
S. Wallace	Sea.	16	2	0.1	10	1
Kolb	Phil.	5	-1	-0.2	5	1

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AFC RECEIVING

	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Welker	N.E.	123	1,348	11.0	58	4
A. Johnson	Hou.	101	1,569	15.5	72	9
Marshall	Den.	101	1,120	11.1	75	10
Wayne	Ind.	100	1,264	12.6	65	10
Clark	Ind.	100	1,106	11.1	80	10
Ward	Pitt.	95	1,167	12.3	54	6
Moss	N.E.	83	1,264	15.2	71	13
Holmes	Pitt.	79	1,248	15.8	57	5
Gates	S.D.	79	1,157	14.6	56	8
Rice	Balt.	78	702	9.0	63	1
Miller	Pitt.	76	789	10.4	41	6
Bess	Mia.	76	758	10.0	34	2
Mason	Balt.	73	1,028	14.1	72	7
Ochocinco	Cin.	72	1,047	14.5	50	9
V. Jackson	S.D.	68	1,167	17.2	55	9
Z. Miller	Oak.	66	805	12.2	86	3
Sims-Walker	Jax.	63	869	13.8	61	7
Collie	Ind.	60	676	11.3	39	7
Cotchery	N.Y.J.	57	821	14.4	53	3
Owens	Buff.	55	829	15.1	98	5
Gaffney	Den.	54	732	13.6	49	2
Walter	Hou.	53	611	11.5	41	2
Heap	Balt.	53	593	11.2	31	6
Jones-Drew	Jax.	53	374	7.1	19	1
Holt	Jax.	51	722	14.2	63	0
Caldwell	Cin.	51	432	8.5	24	3
Addai	Ind.	51	336	6.6	25	3
Camarillo	Mia.	50	552	11.0	29	0
Johnson	Ten.	50	503	10.1	69	2
M. Thomas	Jax.	48	453	9.4	28	1
Garcon	Ind.	47	765	16.3	66	4
Bowe	K.C.	47	589	12.5	41	4
Washington	Ten.	47	569	12.1	35	6
Jackson	Buff.	46	371	8.1	21	2
Floyd	S.D.	45	776	17.2	53	1
Chambers	S.D.-K.C.	45	730	16.2	61	5
Edwards	Clev.-N.Y.J.	45	680	15.1	65	4
Keller	N.Y.J.	45	522	11.6	40	2
Sproles	S.D.	45	497	11.0	81	4
Scaife	Ten.	45	440	9.8	27	1
Evans	Buff.	44	612	13.9	50	7
Slaton	Hou.	44	417	9.5	38	4
Coles	Cin.	43	514	12.0	40	5
Britt	Ten.	42	701	16.7	57	3
Daniels	Hou.	40	519	13.0	44	5
Charles	K.C.	40	297	7.4	49	1
Wallace	Pitt.	39	756	19.4	60	6
Ginn	Mia.	38	454	11.9	53	1
D. Anderson	Hou.	38	370	9.7	27	0
Edelman	N.E.	37	359	9.7	29	1
Royal	Den.	37	345	9.3	20	0
Faulk	N.E.	37	301	8.1	38	1
Wade	K.C.	36	367	10.2	25	2
Williams	Mia.	35	264	7.5	59	2
Massaquoi	Clev.	34	624	18.4	59	3
Murphy	Oak.	34	521	15.3	75	4
Clayton	Balt.	34	480	14.1	54	2
K. Washington	Balt.	34	431	12.7	28	2
J. Harrison	Clev.	34	220	6.5	18	2
Lewis	Jax.	32	518	16.2	47	2
B. Hartline	Mia.	31	506	16.3	67	3
Scheffler	Den.	31	416	13.4	52	2
Fasano	Mia.	31	339	10.9	27	2
Buckhalter	Den.	31	240	7.7	30	0
Stuckey	N.Y.J.-Clev.	30	318	10.6	40	2
Leonard	Cin.	30	217	7.2	18	0
Watson	N.E.	29	404	13.9	36	5
Schilens	Oak.	29	365	12.6	25	2
Gage	Ten.	28	383	13.7	49	3

Graham	Den.	28	289	10.3	24	1
Moreno	Den.	28	213	7.6	27	2
Lynch	Buff.	28	179	6.4	35	0
Jones	Hou.	27	437	16.2	45	6
Reed	Buff.	27	291	10.8	29	1
Foschi	Cin.	27	260	9.6	27	2
Crumpler	Ten.	27	222	8.2	27	1
Dreessen	Hou.	26	320	12.3	25	1
Mendenhall	Pitt.	25	261	10.4	26	1
Naanee	S.D.	24	242	10.1	23	2
Furrey	Clev.	23	170	7.4	22	0
McFadden	Oak.	21	245	11.7	48	0
Miller	Jax.	21	212	10.1	62	2
Moore	Pitt.	21	153	7.3	19	2
L. McClain	Balt.	21	141	6.7	19	0
Aiken	N.E.	20	326	16.3	81	2
Long	K.C.	20	178	8.9	30	0
Pope	K.C.	20	174	8.7	29	1
Hilliard	Mia.	20	158	7.9	18	2
Leach	Hou.	20	155	7.8	26	1
Tomlinson	S.D.	20	154	7.7	36	0
Cribbs	Clev.	20	135	6.8	35	1
Stokley	Den.	19	327	17.2	87	4
Higgins	Oak.	19	263	13.8	33	0
Morris	N.E.	19	180	9.5	35	0
Haynos	Mia.	19	162	8.5	21	2
Tolbert	S.D.	17	192	11.3	66	3
Nelson	Buff.	17	156	9.2	25	1
Fargas	Oak.	17	113	6.6	14	0
Benson	Cin.	17	111	6.5	19	0
Bush	Oak.	17	105	6.2	17	0
Coats	Cin.	16	150	9.4	23	0
Jennings	Jax.	16	101	6.3	14	0
C. Brown	Hou.	16	74	4.6	12	0
L. Washington	N.Y.J.	15	131	8.7	33	0
McGahee	Balt.	15	85	5.7	14	2
L. Johnson	K.C.-Cin.	15	80	5.3	22	0
Clowney	N.Y.J.	14	191	13.6	53	1
Baker	N.E.	14	142	10.1	36	2
Ryan	K.C.	14	135	9.6	43	2
Maroney	N.E.	14	99	7.1	17	0
Brown	Mia.	14	98	7.0	27	0
Moats	Hou.	13	106	8.2	20	1
Henry	Cin.	12	236	19.7	73	2
Moore	Clev.	12	158	13.2	24	0
G. Russell	Oak.	12	96	8.0	20	0
Hall	Ten.	12	79	6.6	15	0
Brown	Ind.	11	169	15.4	72	0
Royal	Clev.	11	134	12.2	29	1
Wilford	Jax.	11	123	11.2	30	1
Polite	Mia.	11	51	4.6	10	0
Cox	K.C.	10	79	7.9	19	0
Stewart	Oak.	10	78	7.8	19	0
Heiden	Clev.	10	73	7.3	14	1
Jones	N.Y.J.	10	58	5.8	28	0
Heyward-Bey	Oak.	9	124	13.8	24	1
Cottam	K.C.	9	120	13.3	26	0
Schouman	Buff.	9	103	11.4	27	0
Cook	Ten.	9	74	8.2	17	0
Fine	Buff.	9	64	7.1	11	0
Robinson	Ind.	9	62	6.9	19	0
Jennings	Clev.	9	56	6.2	19	0
Hester	S.D.	9	24	2.7	5	0
Williams	Balt.	8	142	17.8	34	1
Lloyd	Den.	8	117	14.6	44	0
Santi	Ind.	8	107	13.4	31	0
Foster	Hou.	8	93	11.6	20	0
Watkins	Oak.	8	90	11.3	28	0
J. Lewis	Clev.	8	88	11.0	19	0
Woodhead	N.Y.J.	8	87	10.9	24	0
Vickers	Clev.	8	27	3.4	12	1
Hawkins	Ten.	7	110	15.7	32	0
Robiskie	Clev.	7	106	15.1	43	0
Galloway	Pitt.	7	67	9.6	19	0
B. Smith	N.Y.J.	7	63	9.0	19	0
McIntyre	Buff.	7	55	7.9	18	0
Savage	K.C.	7	51	7.3	12	0
Lawton	Oak.	7	31	4.4	14	0
Dillard	Jax.	6	106	17.7	33	0
M. Bennett	S.D.	6	65	10.8	33	0
Parker	Pitt.	6	64	10.7	27	1
Casey	Hou.	6	64	10.7	32	0
Davis	Hou.	6	59	9.8	21	0
B. Davis	S.D.	6	52	8.7	11	0
Je. Johnson	Cin.	6	41	6.8	9	0
Stupar	Buff.	6	40	6.7	17	0
Hughes	Jax.	5	70	14.0	35	1
Scott	Cin.	5	67	13.4	23	0
Engram	K.C.	5	61	12.2	18	0
M. Gaines	Clev.	5	59	11.8	24	1
Hart	Ind.	5	54	10.8	14	0
Baskett	Phil.-Ind.	5	34	6.8	9	0
Spaeth	Pitt.	5	25	5.0	9	1
G. Jones	Jax.	5	14	2.8	9	0
Manumaleuna	S.D.	5	13	2.6	11	0
Copper	K.C.	4	68	17.0	50	0
Cosby	Cin.	4	55	13.8	23	0
Estandia	Clev.	4	45	11.3	18	0
Castille	K.C.	4	37	9.3	20	1
Wilson	S.D.	4	28	7.0	21	1
Hillis	Den.	4	19	4.8	6	0
Myers	Oak.	4	19	4.8	6	0
Davis	Clev.	4	5	1.3	2	0
Tamme	Ind.	3	35	11.7	21	0
Parrish	Buff.	3	34	11.3	16	0
Williamson	Jax.	3	34	11.3	13	0
Sperry	Mia.	3	31	10.3	13	1
Cobbs	Mia.	3	23	7.7	10	0
Stanback	N.E.	3	22	7.3	9	0
White	Ten.	3	14	4.7	7	0
Richardson	N.Y.J.	3	10	3.3	5	0
Simpson	Ind.	3	1	0.3	5	0
L.J. Smith	Balt.	2	31	15.5	26	0
W. Wright	N.Y.J.	2	21	10.5	14	0
Reece	Oak.	2	20	10.0	11	0
E. Smith	N.Y.J.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Denney	Buff.	1	25	25.0	25	1
Hartsock	N.Y.J.	1	2	2.0	2	1
Vrabel	K.C.	1	1	1.0	1	1

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NFC RECEIVING

	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Smith	N.Y.G.	107	1,220	11.4	51	7
Fitzgerald	Ariz.	97	1,092	11.3	34	13
Witten	Dall.	94	1,030	11.0	69	2
White	Atl.	85	1,153	13.6	90	11
Boldin	Ariz.	84	1,024	12.2	44	4
Rice	Minn.	83	1,312	15.8	63	8
Gonzalez	Atl.	83	867	10.4	27	6
Austin	Dall.	81	1,320	16.3	60	11
Houshmandzadeh	Sea.	79	911	11.5	53	3
V. Davis	S.F.	78	965	12.4	73	13
Winslow	T.B.	77	884	11.5	42	5
Celek	Phil.	76	971	12.8	47	8
Colston	N.O.	70	1,074	15.3	68	9
Driver	G.B.	70	1,061	15.2	71	6
Moss	Wash.	70	902	12.9	59	3
Jennings	G.B.	68	1,113	16.4	83	4
C. Johnson	Det.	67	984	14.7	75	5
S. Smith	Car.	65	982	15.1	66	7
Burleson	Sea.	63	812	12.9	44	3
Hightower	Ariz.	63	428	6.8	23	0
D. Jackson	Phil.	62	1,156	18.6	71	9
Harvin	Minn.	60	790	13.2	51	6
Olsen	Chi.	60	612	10.2	41	8
Manningham	N.Y.G.	57	822	14.4	49	5
Hester	Chi.	57	757	13.3	48	3
Forte	Chi.	57	471	8.3	37	0
Maclin	Phil.	56	773	13.8	56	4
Shiancoe	Minn.	56	566	10.1	27	11
Breaston	Ariz.	55	712	12.9	45	3
Finley	G.B.	55	676	12.3	62	5
Berrian	Minn.	55	618	11.2	40	4
Bennett	Chi.	54	717	13.3	71	2
Muhammad	Car.	53	581	11.0	27	1
Morgan	S.F.	52	527	10.1	61	3
Gore	S.F.	52	406	7.8	48	3
Henderson	N.O.	51	804	15.8	75	2
Carlson	Sea.	51	574	11.3	42	7
Jackson	St.L.	51	322	6.3	38	0
Jenkins	Atl.	50	635	12.7	50	1
Randle El	Wash.	50	530	10.6	44	0
Crabtree	S.F.	48	625	13.0	50	2
Shockey	N.O.	48	569	11.9	66	3
Davis	Wash.	48	509	10.6	29	6
Nicks	N.Y.G.	47	790	16.8	68	6
Avery	St.L.	47	589	12.5	50	5
Bush	N.O.	47	335	7.1	29	3
Meachem	N.O.	45	722	16.0	54	9
Knox	Chi.	45	527	11.7	68	5
Branch	Sea.	45	437	9.7	35	2
Taylor	Minn.	44	389	8.8	33	1
Peterson	Minn.	43	436	10.1	63	0
Amendola	St.L.	43	326	7.6	25	1
Boss	N.Y.G.	42	567	13.5	35	5
Avant	Phil.	41	587	14.3	58	3
Kev. Smith	Det.	41	415	10.1	63	1
Forsett	Sea.	41	350	8.5	47	1
McCoy	Phil.	40	308	7.7	45	0
A. Bryant	T.B.	39	600	15.4	42	4
P. Thomas	N.O.	39	302	7.7	36	2
R. Williams	Dall.	38	596	15.7	66	7
Crayton	Dall.	37	622	16.8	80	5
D. Lee	G.B.	37	260	7.0	19	1
B. Johnson	Det.	35	417	11.9	36	3
Northcutt	Det.	35	357	10.2	47	1
D. Thomas	N.O.	35	356	10.2	37	1
J. Jones	Sea.	35	232	6.6	49	2
B. Gibson	St.L.	34	348	10.2	23	1
McMichael	St.L.	34	332	9.8	35	1
J. Jones	G.B.	32	440	13.8	74	5
Stroughter	T.B.	31	334	10.8	35	1
Pettigrew	Det.	30	346	11.5	30	2
Snelling	Atl.	30	259	8.6	38	1
Cooley	Wash.	29	332	11.4	25	2
Heller	Det.	29	296	10.2	24	3
D. Williams	Car.	29	252	8.7	30	0
C. Williams	T.B.	28	217	7.8	22	3
Cartwright	Wash.	27	242	9.0	51	1
Rosario	Car.	26	313	12.0	26	2
Barber	Dall.	26	221	8.5	42	0
Morris	Det.	26	210	8.1	19	0
Kelly	Wash.	25	347	13.9	84	0
D.Thomas	Wash.	25	325	13.0	40	3
K. Burton	St.L.	25	253	10.1	25	0
King	Car.	25	200	8.0	32	3
Grant	G.B.	25	197	7.9	27	0
Westbrook	Phil.	25	181	7.2	34	1
Stovall	T.B.	24	366	15.3	38	1
Bradley	T.B.	24	320	13.3	50	2
Aromashodu	Chi.	24	298	12.4	39	4
Nelson	G.B.	22	320	14.5	51	2
Fells	St.L.	21	273	13.0	36	3
Bruce	S.F.	21	264	12.6	50	0
Walker	S.F.	21	233	11.1	39	0
Bradshaw	N.Y.G.	21	207	9.9	55	0
Jackson	G.B.	21	187	8.9	17	1
Ward	T.B.	20	150	7.5	38	2
Norwood	Atl.	19	186	9.8	38	1
Clark	Chi.	19	145	7.6	26	2
F. Jones	Dall.	19	119	6.3	30	0
Griffith	Sea.	19	118	6.2	25	1
Urban	Ariz.	18	186	10.3	40	0
Jacobs	N.Y.G.	18	184	10.2	74	1
Stewart	Car.	18	139	7.7	19	1
FitzSimmons	Det.	18	128	7.1	12	0
Darby	St.L.	18	96	5.3	13	0
Doucet	Ariz.	17	214	12.6	29	1
Jarrett	Car.	17	196	11.5	30	1
Betts	Wash.	17	179	10.5	25	0
Sellers	Wash.	17	176	10.4	47	2
Clayton	T.B.	16	230	14.4	47	1
M. Booker	Atl.	16	181	11.3	27	1
Hixon	N.Y.G.	15	187	12.5	61	1
Butler	Sea.	15	175	11.7	32	0
Bennett	Dall.	15	159	10.6	21	0
Weaver	Phil.	15	140	9.3	59	2
Choice	Dall.	15	132	8.8	28	0
Stevens	T.B.	15	130	8.7	17	1
L. Moore	N.O.	14	153	10.9	22	2
Graham	T.B.	14	109	7.8	16	0
Robinson	St.L.	13	167	12.8	45	1
Felton	Det.	13	133	10.2	27	0
Barnidge	Car.	12	242	20.2	55	0
Patrick	Ariz.	12	146	12.2	28	2
B. Wells	Ariz.	12	143	11.9	25	0
Peelle	Atl.	12	115	9.6	32	2
Finneran	Atl.	11	111	10.1	19	0
Coffee	S.F.	11	76	6.9	12	0
Stephens-Howling	Ariz.	10	83	8.3	15	1
Kleinsasser	Minn.	10	70	7.0	21	0
H. Evans	N.O.	10	70	7.0	13	2
Tahi	Minn.	10	67	6.7	32	1
R. Brown	Phil.	9	155	17.2	43	0
Ganther	Wash.	9	99	11.0	42	0
J. Hill	S.F.	9	90	10.0	30	2
Brown	Det.	9	84	9.3	26	1
K. Davis	Chi.	9	75	8.3	18	3
Portis	Wash.	9	57	6.3	10	1
J. Wright	Ariz.	9	53	5.9	10	2
Hagan	N.Y.G.	8	101	12.6	23	1
G. Lewis	Minn.	8	96	12.0	32	1
Bajema	St.L.	8	94	11.8	27	0
Beckum	N.Y.G.	8	55	6.9	15	0
Hurd	Dall.	7	121	17.3	53	1
Havner	G.B.	7	112	16.0	45	4
Ogletree	Dall.	7	96	13.7	21	0
Philips	Dall.	7	62	8.9	23	0
Becht	Ariz.	7	61	8.7	16	1
Mughelli	Atl.	7	51	7.3	21	1
Kuhn	G.B.	7	47	6.7	14	2
Norris	S.F.	7	31	4.4	11	0
R. Martin	St.L.	6	99	16.5	33	0

K. Curtis	Phil.	6	77	12.8	19	0
Clark	T.B.	6	65	10.8	17	0
Sutton	Car.	6	62	10.3	13	0
K. Moore	Car.	6	59	9.8	22	0
Mason	Wash.	6	58	9.7	17	0
Dugan	Minn.	6	52	8.7	25	2
Williams	Det.	6	52	8.7	19	0
Weems	Atl.	6	50	8.3	30	2
Robinson	S.F.	6	24	4.0	8	0
O. Schmitt	Sea.	6	21	3.5	10	1
Karney	St.L.	6	16	2.7	9	0
Hamilton	N.O.	5	48	9.6	16	0
Hall	G.B.	5	41	8.2	13	0
Battle	S.F.	5	40	8.0	12	0
Turner	Atl.	5	35	7.0	10	0
R. Davis	Chi.	5	35	7.0	10	0
Stecker	Atl.	5	34	6.8	14	0
Rankin	Sea.	5	33	6.6	14	0
D. Johnson	N.Y.G.	5	32	6.4	14	0
Dinkins	N.O.	5	22	4.4	8	1
McKie	Chi.	5	13	2.6	8	0
Obomanu	Sea.	4	41	10.3	12	0
Spach	Ariz.	4	38	9.5	22	0
Mitchell	Wash.	4	32	8.0	11	0
Hedgecock	N.Y.G.	4	23	5.8	9	1
Hoover	Car.	4	23	5.8	12	1
Kreider	Ariz.	4	20	5.0	8	0
M. Bell	N.O.	4	12	3.0	9	0
Yoder	Wash.	4	9	2.3	3	3
Gado	St.L.	3	25	8.3	13	0
A. Smith	Phil.	3	25	8.3	11	0
Gilmore	T.B.	3	23	7.7	9	0
Haynes	Atl.	3	20	6.7	10	0
James	Sea.	3	19	6.3	7	0
Green	G.B.	3	18	6.0	12	0
Owens	Sea.	3	16	5.3	8	0
Ware	N.Y.G.	3	15	5.0	14	0
S. Wallace	Sea.	2	29	14.5	24	0
Nordin	Det.	2	26	13.0	14	0
Moss	N.Y.G.	1	18	18.0	18	1

Excludes players who had fewer than three catches, gained fewer than 20 yards and didn't score a TD.

AFC SCORING

	TEAM	TD	XP/ATT	FG/ATT	2XP	PTS
Kaeding	S.D.	0	50/51	32/35	0	146
Gostkowski	N.E.	0	47/47	26/31	0	125
Feely	N.Y.J.	0	32/32	30/36	0	122
Prater	Den.	0	32/32	30/35	0	122
Reed	Pitt.	0	41/41	27/31	0	122
Bironas	Ten.	0	37/37	27/32	0	118
Carpenter	Mia.	0	37/38	25/28	0	112
Lindell	Buff.	0	24/24	28/33	0	108
K. Brown	Hou.	0	43/44	21/32	0	106
Succop	K.C.	0	29/29	25/29	0	104
Johnson	Ten.	16	0/0	0/0	1	98
Graham	Cin.	0	28/29	23/28	0	97
Jones-Drew	Jax.	16	0/0	0/0	0	96
Janikowski	Oak.	0	17/17	26/29	0	95
Jones	N.Y.J.	14	0/0	0/0	0	84
McGahee	Balt.	14	0/0	0/0	0	84
Scobee	Jax.	0	30/31	18/28	0	84
Moss	N.E.	13	0/0	0/0	1	80
Williams	Mia.	13	0/0	0/0	1	80
Addai	Ind.	13	0/0	0/0	0	78
Cundiff	Cle.-Bal.	0	23/23	18/23	0	77
Tomlinson	S.D.	12	0/0	0/0	0	72
Dawson	Clev.	0	18/19	17/19	0	69
Clark	Ind.	10	0/0	0/0	0	60
Marshall	Den.	10	0/0	0/0	0	60
Stover	Ind.	0	33/33	9/11	0	60
Wayne	Ind.	10	0/0	0/0	0	60
Charles	K.C.	9	0/0	0/0	1	56
A. Johnson	Hou.	9	0/0	0/0	1	56
V. Jackson	S.D.	9	0/0	0/0	0	54
Maroney	N.E.	9	0/0	0/0	0	54
Moreno	Den.	9	0/0	0/0	0	54
Ochocinco	Cin.	9	0/0	0/0	0	54
Brown	Mia.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Gates	S.D.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Mendenhall	Pitt.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Rice	Balt.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Sproles	S.D.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Collie	Ind.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Evans	Buff.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
J. Harrison	Clev.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Jones	Hou.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Mason	Balt.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Sims-Walker	Jax.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Slaton	Hou.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Vinatieri	Ind.	0	17/18	7/9	0	38

Benson	Cin.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Cribbs	Clev.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Heap	Balt.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Miller	Pitt.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Owens	Buff.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Wallace	Pitt.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Ward	Pitt.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Washington	Ten.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Chambers	S.D.-K.C.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Coles	Cin.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Daniels	Hou.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Holmes	Pitt.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Moats	Hou.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Watson	N.E.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Edwards	N.Y.J.	4	0/0	0/0	1	26
Bowe	K.C.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Cotchery	N.Y.J.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Garcon	Ind.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
B. Hartline	Mia.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Jackson	Buff.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Murphy	Oak.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Stokley	Den.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
F. Taylor	N.E.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Tolbert	S.D.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Welker	N.E.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Garrard	Jax.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
C. Palmer	Cin.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
Britt	Ten.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Brown	Ind.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
C. Brown	Hou.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Bush	Oak.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Caldwell	Cin.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Fargas	Oak.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Faulk	N.E.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Foster	Hou.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Gage	Ten.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Ginn	Mia.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Hilliard	Mia.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Massaquoi	Clev.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Z. Miller	Oak.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Sanchez	N.Y.J.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Simpson	Ind.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
B. Smith	N.Y.J.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Keller	N.Y.J.	2	0/0	0/0	1	14
Aiken	N.E.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Anderson	Clev.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Baker	N.E.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Bess	Mia.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Clayton	Balt.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Fasano	Mia.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Foschi	Cin.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Fuller	Ten.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Gaffney	Den.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Greene	N.Y.J.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Haynos	Mia.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Henry	Cin.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Hester	S.D.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
D. Johnson	K.C.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Lewis	Jax.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Lynch	Buff.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
L. McClain	Balt.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Miller	Jax.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Moore	Pitt.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Morris	N.E.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Naanee	S.D.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Pollard	Hou.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Roethlisberger	Pitt.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Royal	Den.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Ryan	K.C.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Scheffler	Den.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Schilens	Oak.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Stuckey	NYJ-Clev.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Wade	K.C.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Walter	Hou.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
K. Washington	Balt.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
White	Ten.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Young	Ten.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Ayers	Den.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Barber	Hou.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Bodden	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
T. Brady	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Buckhalter	Den.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Butler	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Carter	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Castille	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Clowney	N.Y.J.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Collins	Ten.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Cox	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Crumpler	Ten.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Davis	Mia.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Denney	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Dixon	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Douglas	N.Y.J.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6

Dreessen	Hou.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Edelman	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Edwards	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Fanene	Cin.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Finnegan	Ten.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Fitzpatrick	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Floyd	S.D.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Fox	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
M. Gaines	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Geathers	Cin.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Goodman	Den.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Graham	Den.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hart	Ind.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hartsock	N.Y.J.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Heiden	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Henne	Mia.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Heyward-Bey	Oak.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hillis	Den.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hood	Ten.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hoyer	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hughes	Jax.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jennings	Jax.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jennings	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Joseph	Cin.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Lacey	Ind.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Landry	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Leach	Hou.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
McFadden	Oak.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
McGraw	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Meriweather	N.E.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Nelson	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Oliver	S.D.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Parker	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Pope	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Quinn	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Reed	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Reed	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Revis	N.Y.J.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Rivers	S.D.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Royal	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Scaife	Ten.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Schobel	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Scott	Cin.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Session	Ind.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
T. Smith	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Spaeth	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Sperry	Mia.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Studebaker	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Taylor	Mia.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
M. Thomas	Jax.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Vickers	Clev.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Vrabel	K.C.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Webb	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Weddle	S.D.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Whitner	Buff.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Wilford	Jax.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Williams	Balt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Wilson	S.D.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Woodley	Pitt.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Cushing	Hou.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2
Diles	Hou.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2
Hali	K.C.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2
Leonard	Cin.	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
J. Lewis	Clev.	0	0/0	0/0	1	2

Team safeties credited to Cleveland and San Diego.

NFC SCORING

	TEAM	TD	XP/ATT	FG/ATT	2XP	PTS
Akers	Phil.	0	43/45	32/37	0	139
Longwell	Minn.	0	54/55	26/28	0	132
Crosby	G.B.	0	48/49	27/36	0	129
Tynes	N.Y.G.	0	45/45	27/32	0	126
Peterson	Minn.	18	0/0	0/0	0	108
Gould	Chi.	0	33/33	24/28	0	105
Mare	Sea.	0	28/28	24/26	0	100
Kasay	Car.	0	31/32	22/27	0	97
Folk	Dall.	0	36/36	18/28	0	90
Carney	N.O.	0	50/52	13/17	0	89
Hanson	Det.	0	25/25	21/28	0	88
Rackers	Ariz.	0	37/38	16/17	0	85
Suisham	Was.-Dal.	0	25/26	20/24	0	85
Nedney	S.F.	0	33/33	17/21	0	84
V. Davis	S.F.	13	0/0	0/0	0	78
Fitzgerald	Ariz.	13	0/0	0/0	0	78
Gore	S.F.	13	0/0	0/0	0	78
Jo. Brown	St.L.	0	16/16	19/24	0	73
D. Jackson	Phil.	12	0/0	0/0	0	72
Elam	Atl.	0	32/33	12/19	0	68
Austin	Dall.	11	0/0	0/0	0	66
Grant	G.B.	11	0/0	0/0	0	66
Shiancoe	Minn.	11	0/0	0/0	0	66
Stewart	Car.	11	0/0	0/0	0	66

White	Atl.	11	0/0	0/0	0	66
Meachem	N.O.	10	0/0	0/0	0	60
Turner	Atl.	10	0/0	0/0	0	60
Barth	T.B.	0	12/12	14/19	0	54
Colston	N.O.	9	0/0	0/0	0	54
Hauschka	Atl.	0	27/28	9/13	0	54
Bush	N.O.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Celek	Phil.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Harvin	Minn.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Hightower	Ariz.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Olsen	Chi.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
Rice	Minn.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
P. Thomas	N.O.	8	0/0	0/0	0	48
S. Smith	Car.	7	0/0	0/0	1	44
D. Williams	Car.	7	0/0	0/0	1	44
Barber	Dall.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Bradshaw	N.Y.G.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Carlson	Sea.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Crayton	Dall.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Smith	N.Y.G.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
B. Wells	Ariz.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
R. Williams	Dall.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
C. Williams	T.B.	7	0/0	0/0	0	42
Hartley	N.O.	0	10/11	9/11	0	37
Davis	Wash.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Driver	G.B.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Gonzalez	Atl.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Jacobs	N.Y.G.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Knox	Chi.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Nicks	N.Y.G.	6	0/0	0/0	0	36
Kev. Smith	Det.	5	0/0	0/0	0	32
M. Bryant	Atl.	0	10/10	7/10	0	31
Avery	St.L.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
M. Bell	N.O.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Boldin	Ariz.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Boss	N.Y.G.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Finley	G.B.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Forsett	Sea.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
C. Johnson	Det.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
J. Jones	G.B.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Manningham	N.Y.G.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Rodgers	G.B.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Snelling	Atl.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Winslow	T.B.	5	0/0	0/0	0	30
Jennings	G.B.	4	0/0	0/0	2	28
Forte	Chi.	4	0/0	0/0	1	26
McCoy	Phil.	4	0/0	0/0	1	26
Nugent	T.B.-Ariz.	0	14/14	4/8	0	26
Aromashodu	Chi.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Berrian	Minn.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
A. Bryant	T.B.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Havner	G.B.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Jackson	St.L.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
J. Jones	Sea.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Maclin	Phil.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Weaver	Phil.	4	0/0	0/0	0	24
Avant	Phil.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
Bennett	Chi.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
Choice	Dall.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
Jackson	G.B.	3	0/0	0/0	1	20
Breaston	Ariz.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Burleson	Sea.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
K. Davis	Chi.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
H. Evans	N.O.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Fells	St.L.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Gano	Wash.	0	6/7	4/4	0	18
Ganther	Wash.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Heller	Det.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Hester	Chi.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Houshmandzadeh	Sea.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
B. Johnson	Det.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
F. Jones	Dall.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
King	Car.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Kuhn	G.B.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Morgan	S.F.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Moss	Wash.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Sharper	N.O.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Shockey	N.O.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
D.Thomas	Wash.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Ward	T.B.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Woodson	G.B.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Yoder	Wash.	3	0/0	0/0	0	18
Delmas	Det.	2	0/0	0/0	0	14
Morris	Det.	2	0/0	0/0	1	14
Betts	Wash.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Bradley	T.B.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Branch	Sea.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Brees	N.O.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
S. Brown	Phil.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Clark	Chi.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Cooley	Wash.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Crabtree	S.F.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Dugan	Minn.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Hamilton	N.O.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Henderson	N.O.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
J. Hill	S.F.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Hixon	N.Y.G.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Hoover	Car.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
T. Jackson	T.B.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
McNabb	Phil.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
L. Moore	N.O.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Nelson	G.B.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Patrick	Ariz.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Peelle	Atl.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Pettigrew	Det.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Portis	Wash.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Rosario	Car.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Sellers	Wash.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Stafford	Det.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Stephens-Howling	Ariz.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Stroughter	T.B.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Taylor	Minn.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Vick	Phil.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Weems	Atl.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Westbrook	Phil.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Wilson	Sea.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Witten	Dall.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
J. Wright	Ariz.	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
Andrus	T.B.-S.F.	0	10/10	0/1	0	10
J. Allen	Minn.	1	0/0	0/0	0	8
Clayton	T.B.	1	0/0	0/0	1	8
Schmitt	S.F.	0	2/2	2/3	0	8
Abiamiri	Phil.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Amendola	St.L.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Ayodele	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Barber	T.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Becht	Ariz.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Biermann	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
M. Booker	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Brown	Det.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Buckley	Phil.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
J. Campbell	Wash.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Carr	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Cartwright	Wash.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Clements	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Coffee	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Cutler	Chi.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Dinkins	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Doucet	Ariz.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
B. Gibson	St.L.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Green	G.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Greer	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Griffith	Sea.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hagan	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hargrove	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hedgecock	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hill	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Hurd	Dall.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
James	Det.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jarrett	Car.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Jenkins	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
B. Johnson	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Kolb	Phil.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
D. Lee	G.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
G. Lewis	Minn.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Little	St.L.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Matthews	G.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
McDonald	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
McKillop	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
McMichael	St.L.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Moss	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Mughelli	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Muhammad	Car.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Newman	Dall.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Norris	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Northcutt	Det.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Norwood	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Peppers	Car.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Porter	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Reed	Sea.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Robinson	St.L.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Roby	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Rodgers-Cromartie	Ariz.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Rolle	Ariz.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Romo	Dall.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Ryan	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
O. Schmitt	Sea.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Sidbury	Atl.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
H. Smith	Wash.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Spurlock	T.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Stanton	Det.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Stevens	T.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Stovall	T.B.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tahi	Minn.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
D. Thomas	N.O.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Thomas	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Tillman	Chi.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Umenyiora	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
S. Wallace	Sea.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Ware	N.Y.G.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Willis	S.F.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Witherspoon	Phil.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Wolfe	Chi.	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Freeman	T.B.	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
Howard	Phil.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2
D. Manning	Chi.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2
H. Thomas	Car.	0	0/0	0/0	0	2

Team safeties credited to Carolina, Green Bay and Philadelphia.

AFC INTERCEPTIONS

	TEAM	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Byrd	Buff.	9	118	37	0
Revis	N.Y.J.	6	121	67	1
Joseph	Cin.	6	92	32	1
Hall	Cin.	6	47	26	0
Finnegan	Ten.	5	194	80	1
Meriweather	N.E.	5	149	56	1
Goodman	Den.	5	65	30	0
Bodden	N.E.	5	60	53	1
Flowers	K.C.	5	38	33	0
Pollard	Hou.	4	121	70	1
Landry	Balt.	4	89	48	1
E. Wright	Clev.	4	74	47	0
Davis	Mia.	4	64	26	1
Foxworth	Balt.	4	34	19	0
Pool	Clev.	4	33	32	0
Cushing	Hou.	4	26	20	0
Wilson	Buff.	4	23	27	0
Bethea	Ind.	4	19	19	0
D. Cox	Jax.	4	6	6	0
D. Johnson	K.C.	3	175	70	2
Reed	Balt.	3	111	52	1
Hood	Ten.	3	91	43	1
Butler	N.E.	3	91	91	1
Fuller	Ten.	3	71	45	2
Lacey	Ind.	3	53	35	1
Bell	Mia.	3	48	29	0
Mathis	Jax.	3	46	29	0
Bulluck	Ten.	3	45	23	0
Lowery	N.Y.J.	3	41	34	0
Jammer	S.D.	3	25	21	0
Hope	Ten.	3	24	24	0
C. Johnson	Oak.	3	20	20	0
Posluszny	Buff.	3	20	17	0
C. Bailey	Den.	3	18	11	0
Polamalu	Pitt.	3	17	16	0
Rhodes	N.Y.J.	3	17	11	0
Cromartie	S.D.	3	17	16	0
Huff	Oak.	3	15	10	0
M. Brown	K.C.	3	13	10	0
Clark	Pitt.	3	0	0	0
Whitner	Buff.	2	104	76	1
Studebaker	K.C.	2	96	94	0
Carter	Pitt.	2	53	48	1
Weddle	S.D.	2	44	31	1
Crocker	Cin.	2	38	20	0
Session	Ind.	2	35	27	1
An. Smith	Jax.	2	34	30	0
Wilson	Hou.	2	29	16	0
McBath	Den.	2	28	25	0
W. Allen	Mia.	2	27	21	0
Carr	Balt.	2	24	13	0
Harris	N.Y.J.	2	24	14	0
Alexander	Jax.	2	23	22	0
Cason	S.D.	2	22	22	0
Hill	Den.	2	18	18	0
Wilhite	N.E.	2	17	17	0
Zibikowski	Balt.	2	13	21	0
Jennings	Ind.	2	13	13	0
J. Johnson	Balt.	2	8	8	0
C. Harris	Buff.	2	7	7	0
Dawkins	Den.	2	0	0	0
N. Jones	Mia.	2	0	0	0
Fox	Pitt.	1	82	82	1
Fanene	Cin.	1	45	45	1
Leonhard	N.Y.J.	1	44	44	0
McDonald	Clev.	1	39	39	0
Groves	Jax.	1	37	37	0
Law	Den.	1	37	37	0
Oliver	S.D.	1	34	34	0
Carr	K.C.	1	31	31	0
Sanders	Ind.	1	29	29	0
Ellerbe	Balt.	1	28	28	0
Durant	Jax.	1	27	27	0
McGraw	K.C.	1	27	27	0
B. Scott	Buff.	1	27	27	0
Schobel	Buff.	1	26	26	1

Rucker	Cin.	1	26	26	0
Kruger	Balt.	1	26	26	0
Considine	Jax.	1	25	25	0
Culver	Mia.	1	23	23	0
Taylor	Pitt.	1	20	20	0
Reeves	Hou.	1	19	19	0
Farrior	Pitt.	1	18	18	0
Bowens	Clev.	1	15	15	0
Busing	Hou.	1	14	14	0
Dobbins	S.D.	1	13	13	0
Gregory	S.D.	1	13	13	0
D. Smith	Jax.	1	10	10	0
Ndukwe	Cin.	1	9	9	0
Springs	N.E.	1	8	8	0
Brackett	Ind.	1	8	8	0
Florence	Buff.	1	7	7	0
Hayden	Ind.	1	6	6	0
Scheffler	Den.	1	5	5	0
Siler	S.D.	1	5	5	0
Barnes	Balt.	1	4	4	0
Harper	Ten.	1	4	4	0
McGee	Buff.	1	3	3	0
Jackson	Ind.	1	3	3	0
Barber	Hou.	1	3	3	0
Griffin	Ten.	1	3	3	0
Nelson	Cin.	1	2	2	0
Chung	N.E.	1	2	2	0
Crowder	Mia.	1	2	2	0
McRath	Ten.	1	1	1	0
Powers	Ind.	1	1	1	0
McCain	Hou.	1	0	0	0
Wendling	Buff.	1	0	0	0
Eugene	Oak.	1	0	0	0
Rivers	Cin.	1	0	0	0
Mace	Buff.	1	0	0	0
Corner	Buff.	1	0	0	0
Woodyard	Den.	1	0	0	0
Torbor	Mia.	1	0	0	0
Asomugha	Oak.	1	0	0	0
E. Smith	N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0
Ayanbadejo	Balt.	1	0	0	0
Walker	Balt.	1	0	0	0
Sheppard	N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0
Draft	Buff.	1	0	0	0
Moss	N.E.	1	0	0	0
Taylor	Mia.	1	0	0	0
Townsend	Pitt.	1	-1	-1	0
Lewis	Balt.	0	9	9	0

NFC INTERCEPTIONS

	TEAM	NO	YDS	LG	TD
Sharper	N.O.	9	376	99	3
Woodson	G.B.	9	179	45	3
Samuel	Phil.	9	117	37	0
Collins	G.B.	6	110	31	0
Rodgers-Cromartie	Ariz.	6	77	49	1
Bowman	Chi.	6	67	39	0
Grimes	Atl.	6	17	11	0
S. Brown	Phil.	5	152	83	1
Talib	T.B.	5	99	32	0
Thomas	N.Y.G.	5	87	33	1
T. Jackson	T.B.	5	86	35	2
Wilson	Ariz.	5	56	41	0
Jenkins	Dall.	5	0	0	0
Hall	Wash.	4	114	44	0
T. Williams	G.B.	4	94	67	0
Porter	N.O.	4	72	54	1
Rolle	Ariz.	4	71	29	0
Gamble	Car.	4	55	41	0
Marshall	Car.	4	47	28	0
Goldson	S.F.	4	39	34	0
Bigby	G.B.	4	14	14	0
Griffin	Minn.	4	-2	0	0
Bly	S.F.	3	66	31	0
Greenway	Minn.	3	49	36	0
Beason	Car.	3	46	18	0
Mack	T.B.	3	36	36	0
Newman	Dall.	3	36	27	1
Martin	Car.	3	35	23	0
Willis	S.F.	3	33	23	1
DeCoud	Atl.	3	25	15	0
Vilma	N.O.	3	25	11	0
J. Butler	St.L.	3	17	17	0
Hawthorne	Sea.	3	9	5	0
Grant	Sea.	3	7	7	0
C. Harris	Car.	3	3	3	0
Delmas	Det.	2	130	101	1
Wilson	Sea.	2	126	65	2
B. Johnson	N.Y.G.	2	83	49	1
Greer	N.O.	2	59	48	1
Brown	S.F.	2	52	51	0
Hawk	G.B.	2	42	29	0
James	Det.	2	41	38	1
Jones	Phil.	2	37	37	0
Tillman	Chi.	2	35	21	1
Harris	G.B.	2	29	29	0
Laurinaitis	St.L.	2	28	21	0
McIntosh	Wash.	2	27	18	0
Henry	Det.	2	26	26	0
T. Davis	Car.	2	24	24	0
Phillips	N.Y.G.	2	22	22	0
Hayes	T.B.	2	21	20	0
Atogwe	St.L.	2	21	12	0
Babineaux	Sea.	2	18	18	0
Shanle	N.O.	2	16	13	0
Mikell	Phil.	2	16	16	0
Jordan	Phil.	2	14	11	0
Owens	Atl.	2	13	13	0
Peppers	Car.	2	13	13	1
Hanson	Phil.	2	8	6	0
Piscitelli	T.B.	2	7	4	0
Trufant	Sea.	2	4	4	0
Spencer	S.F.	2	2	2	0
R. Brown	Ariz.	1	85	80	0
Hill	Atl.	1	62	62	1
Peterson	Atl.	1	39	39	0
Little	St.L.	1	36	36	1
D. Manning	Chi.	1	35	35	0
Reis	N.O.	1	33	33	0
Roman	S.F.	1	27	27	0
Gay	N.O.	1	25	25	0
Blackburn	N.Y.G.	1	24	24	0
U. Young	N.O.	1	24	24	0
Ruud	T.B.	1	23	21	0
Ware	Ariz.	1	18	18	0
Adams	Ariz.	1	17	17	0
Moore	Wash.	1	14	14	0
Jenkins	N.O.	1	14	14	0
Doughty	Wash.	1	13	13	0
Demps	Phil.	1	12	12	0
Godfrey	Car.	1	12	12	0
Landry	Wash.	1	12	13	0
Dansby	Ariz.	1	11	11	0
Franklin	S.F.	1	10	10	0
Witherspoon	Phil.	1	9	9	1
Clements	S.F.	1	8	8	0
McKenzie	N.O.	1	8	8	0
Simpson	Det.	1	8	8	0
T. Harris	Chi.	1	6	6	0
T. White	Phil.	1	5	5	0
Levy	Det.	1	5	5	0
Goff	N.Y.G.	1	5	5	0
Houston	Atl.	1	4	4	0
Jenkins	G.B.	1	4	4	0
Bush	G.B.	1	3	3	0
Dockett	Ariz.	1	3	3	0
Black	T.B.	1	3	3	0
Tryon	Wash.	1	3	3	0
Fletcher	Wash.	1	2	2	0
Jolly	G.B.	1	2	2	0
Vasher	Chi.	1	1	1	0
Smith	N.O.	1	0	0	0
Sensabaugh	Dall.	1	0	0	0
M. Johnson	N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0
Webster	N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0
Winfield	Minn.	1	0	0	0
Lucas	Sea.	1	0	0	0
D. White	Det.	1	0	0	0
Hillenmeyer	Chi.	1	0	0	0
M.M. Lewis	S.F.	1	0	0	0
Briggs	Chi.	1	0	0	0
T. Johnson	Minn.	1	0	0	0
Scandrick	Dall.	1	0	0	0
Toler	Ariz.	1	0	0	0
A. Allen	Minn.	1	0	0	0
B. Williams	Atl.	1	-2	-2	0
Spencer	Dall.	1	-3	-3	0
J. Allen	Minn.	1	-4	-4	0

AFC KICKOFF RETURNS

	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cribbs	Clev.	56	1,542	27.5	103	3
Logan	Pitt.	55	1,466	26.7	83	0
Jones	Hou.	24	638	26.6	95	1
Webb	Balt.	35	918	26.2	95	1
Charles	K.C.	36	925	25.7	97	1
Ginn	Mia.	52	1,296	24.9	101	2
M. Thomas	Jax.	26	644	24.8	43	0
Jackson	Buff.	41	1,014	24.7	71	0
Sproles	S.D.	54	1,300	24.1	66	0
Royal	Den.	26	621	23.9	93	1
Davis	Hou.	33	782	23.7	63	0
Simpson	Ind.	38	898	23.6	93	1
Britt	Ten.	24	523	21.8	56	0
Holland	Oak.	28	550	19.6	60	0
Caldwell	Cin.	29	539	18.6	39	0
NON-QUALIFIERS						
Scott	Cin.	16	504	31.5	96	1
Parmele	Balt.	9	283	31.4	53	0
B. Smith	N.Y.J.	10	310	31.0	106	1
McGee	Buff.	1	30	30.0	30	0
Clowney	N.Y.J.	3	81	27.0	37	0
Tate	N.E.	4	106	26.5	34	0
Omon	Buff.	1	26	26.0	26	0
Wallace	Pitt.	1	26	26.0	26	0
Lowery	N.Y.J.	5	128	25.6	44	0
Jones-Drew	Jax.	4	102	25.5	30	0
Slater	N.E.	11	269	24.5	35	0
Giguere	Ind.	5	122	24.4	36	0
Carr	Balt.	13	315	24.2	41	0
McKelvin	Buff.	5	121	24.2	33	0
L. Washington	N.Y.J.	16	385	24.1	43	0
Faulk	N.E.	6	144	24.0	32	0
McCourty	Ten.	3	72	24.0	27	0
Griffin	Ten.	6	143	23.8	31	0
Parrish	Buff.	11	258	23.5	31	0
Buckhalter	Den.	8	184	23.0	41	0
McKinley	Den.	7	158	22.6	30	0
Cobbs	Mia.	16	361	22.6	39	0
Welker	N.E.	2	45	22.5	27	0
Hillis	Den.	6	134	22.3	24	0
Hall	Cin.	1	22	22.0	22	0
Stanback	N.E.	1	22	22.0	22	0
Edelman	N.E.	11	241	21.9	32	0
Pearman	Ten.	8	174	21.8	27	0
Maroney	N.E.	13	279	21.5	52	0
Brown	Ind.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Butler	N.E.	5	104	20.8	26	0
M. Jones	Ten.	13	264	20.3	27	0
Ringer	Ten.	9	181	20.1	25	0
J. Miller	Oak.-N.Y.J.	11	221	20.1	27	0
Savage	K.C.	8	160	20.0	29	0
Lawrence	K.C.	16	317	19.8	29	0
B. Davis	S.D.	4	79	19.8	23	0
Reece	Oak.	3	58	19.3	23	0
T. Underwood	Jax.	2	38	19.0	24	0
Leonard	Cin.	2	38	19.0	24	0
A. Smith	Den.	4	75	18.8	23	0
Jennings	Jax.	3	56	18.7	24	0
Cosby	Cin.	13	239	18.4	31	0
G. Russell	Oak.	18	330	18.3	41	0
J. Harrison	Clev.	3	55	18.3	39	0
Rushing	Ind.	7	127	18.1	22	0
Long	K.C.	6	106	17.7	22	0
M. Owens	Jax.	3	49	16.3	29	0
Jenkins	Buff.	3	45	15.0	19	0
Cromartie	S.D.	3	41	13.7	22	0
B. Hartline	Mia.	3	36	12.0	18	0
Polite	Mia.	2	24	12.0	12	0
Leach	Hou.	2	23	11.5	15	0
Moore	Pitt.	4	44	11.0	13	0
Lawson	Clev.	5	43	8.6	13	0
Burnett	Pitt.	3	23	7.7	13	0
Crumpler	Ten.	3	20	6.7	15	0

Excludes players who gained fewer than 20 yards.

NFC KICKOFF RETURNS

	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Smith	T.B.	31	902	29.1	83	0
Knox	Chi.	32	927	29.0	102	1
Harvin	Minn.	42	1,156	27.5	101	2
Roby	N.O.	42	1,154	27.5	97	1
D. Manning	Chi.	28	744	26.6	59	0
Nelson	G.B.	25	635	25.4	54	0
Weems	Atl.	48	1,214	25.3	62	0
Amendola	St.L.	66	1,618	24.5	58	0
Stephens-Howling	Ariz.	52	1,257	24.2	99	1
Hobbs	Phil.	20	481	24.1	63	0
Witherspoon	Jax.-Det.	28	640	22.9	42	0
Hixon	N.Y.G.	57	1,291	22.6	68	0
Brown	Det.	42	951	22.6	87	0
F. Jones	Dall.	30	678	22.6	41	0
Cartwright	Wash.	39	868	22.3	42	0
Williams	Det.	42	931	22.2	34	0
D.Thomas	Wash.	20	439	22.0	39	0
Rankin	Oak.-Sea.	22	466	21.2	41	0
NON-QUALIFIERS						
Norwood	Atl.	1	39	39.0	39	0
Stroughter	T.B.	11	324	29.5	97	1
Betts	Wash.	1	29	29.0	29	0
Morgan	S.F.	13	367	28.2	76	0
Obomanu	Sea.	11	293	26.6	45	0
K. Huggins	T.B.	2	52	26.0	30	0
Demps	Phil.	6	155	25.8	48	0
Ganther	Wash.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Meachem	N.O.	6	148	24.7	42	0

Forsett	Sea.	18	432	24.0	46	0
Blackmon	G.B.	10	233	23.3	28	0
Robinson	S.F.	18	414	23.0	40	0
Gado	St.L.	1	23	23.0	23	0
Battle	S.F.	3	68	22.7	26	0
Reynaud	Minn.	4	90	22.5	30	0
M. Bell	N.O.	2	45	22.5	28	0
Austin	Dall.	7	157	22.4	29	0
Hester	Chi.	7	156	22.3	44	0
Northcutt	Det.	3	66	22.0	34	0
K. Moore	Car.	10	219	21.9	55	0
Green	G.B.	9	196	21.8	37	0
Sutton	Car.	14	302	21.6	32	0
Spurlock	T.B.	8	170	21.3	32	0
Rossum	S.F.-Dall.	8	168	21.0	40	0
Figurs	T.B.	5	105	21.0	27	0
Ogletree	Dall.	8	166	20.8	32	0
Harris	Phil.	19	394	20.7	32	0
Goodson	Car.	17	352	20.7	33	0
Rosario	Car.	2	41	20.5	22	0
Bennett	Chi.	2	40	20.0	22	0
Stovall	T.B.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Wilson	Sea.	11	212	19.3	29	0
Graham	T.B.	2	38	19.0	21	0
Ware	N.Y.G.	2	37	18.5	20	0
Moss	N.Y.G.	6	109	18.2	29	0
Stecker	Atl.	3	54	18.0	21	0
Jackson	G.B.	2	36	18.0	23	0
Maclin	Phil.	7	124	17.7	28	0
Bradley	T.B.	7	123	17.6	24	0
Walker	S.F.	5	85	17.0	25	0
Weaver	Phil.	2	33	16.5	18	0
Mason	Wash.	2	31	15.5	18	0
Woodson	G.B.	2	30	15.0	18	0
Coffee	S.F.	3	42	14.0	16	0
Darby	St.L.	4	54	13.5	23	0
J. Wright	Ariz.	2	27	13.5	18	0
Bajema	St.L.	2	26	13.0	14	0
T. Williams	G.B.	2	26	13.0	24	0
Havner	G.B.	2	26	13.0	16	0
R. Davis	Chi.	9	114	12.7	22	0
King	Car.	3	37	12.3	14	0
Finneran	Atl.	2	22	11.0	16	0
Dugan	Minn.	5	38	7.6	13	0

Excludes players who gained fewer than 20 yards.

AFC PUNT RETURNS

	TEAM	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Welker	N.E.	27	16	338	12.5	69	0
Cribbs	Clev.	38	3	452	11.9	67	1
Cosby	Cin.	40	19	474	11.9	60	0
Royal	Den.	30	13	335	11.2	71	1
Jones	Hou.	39	14	426	10.9	62	0
Cotchery	N.Y.J.	23	12	236	10.3	31	0
Logan	Pitt.	30	15	280	9.3	25	0
Leonhard	N.Y.J.	21	13	173	8.2	37	0
Carr	Balt.	32	17	262	8.2	34	0
Wade	K.C.	21	19	160	7.6	18	0
Bess	Mia.	28	13	209	7.5	22	0
Sproles	S.D.	26	12	183	7.0	77	1
Rushing	Ind.	21	22	119	5.7	22	0
Parrish	Buff.	24	13	133	5.5	31	0
Higgins	Oak.	34	21	177	5.2	19	0
NON-QUALIFIERS							
B. Smith	N.Y.J.	2	0	27	13.5	21	0
Jackson	Buff.	6	5	69	11.5	27	0
McKinley	Den.	3	0	32	10.7	14	0
Edelman	N.E.	6	1	63	10.5	35	0
Pearman	Ten.	11	8	112	10.2	18	0
Jones-Drew	Jax.	2	0	19	9.5	12	0
Hughes	Jax.	2	0	18	9.0	11	0
M. Thomas	Jax.	14	4	118	8.4	44	0
L. Washington	N.Y.J.	2	1	16	8.0	12	0
M. Jones	Ten.	3	2	23	7.7	15	0
Faulk	N.E.	5	2	31	6.2	15	0
Mouton	Ten.	6	3	37	6.2	15	0
Savage	K.C.	6	1	36	6.0	19	0
Ginn	Mia.	5	0	28	5.6	12	0
A. Smith	Den.	10	3	47	4.7	21	0
Silva	Ind.	7	1	32	4.6	7	0
Reed	Balt.	7	1	29	4.1	9	0
Martinez	Hou.	6	1	23	3.8	11	0
Kaesviharn	Ten.	9	8	34	3.8	10	0
Finnegan	Ten.	4	1	14	3.5	11	0
Leggett	K.C.	5	1	13	2.6	10	0
Moore	Pitt.	3	9	3	1.0	2	0
Youboty	Buff.	0	0	16	0.0	16	0

Excludes players who gained fewer than 10 yards and had fewer than five punt returns and/or fair catches.

NFC PUNT RETURNS

	TEAM	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
D. Jackson	Phil.	29	15	441	15.2	85	2
Crayton	Dall.	36	23	437	12.1	82	2
Amendola	St.L.	31	11	360	11.6	56	0
Reynaud	Minn.	30	13	308	10.3	36	0
Smith	T.B.	23	8	232	10.1	21	0
Weems	Atl.	27	14	270	10.0	28	0
Munnerlyn	Car.	31	10	278	9.0	37	0
Northcutt	Det.	22	15	189	8.6	43	0
Burleson	Sea.	30	3	254	8.5	29	0
Hester	Chi.	24	5	187	7.8	33	0
Breaston	Ariz.	38	11	253	6.7	64	0
Bush	N.O.	27	9	130	4.8	23	0
Battle	S.F.	21	10	61	2.9	18	0
NON-QUALIFIERS							
Spurlock	T.B.	3	0	90	30.0	77	1
Hixon	N.Y.G.	17	17	256	15.1	79	1
Stanley	St.L.	3	1	37	12.3	24	0
Figurs	T.B.	2	2	21	10.5	12	0
T. Williams	G.B.	13	5	135	10.4	45	0
Bennett	Chi.	14	2	143	10.2	49	1
Stroughter	T.B.	12	0	119	9.9	33	0
Witherspoon	Jax.-Det.	9	3	88	9.8	42	0
Clements	S.F.	4	1	38	9.5	12	0
Bradshaw	N.Y.G.	6	1	55	9.2	20	0
Rolle	Ariz.	6	2	55	9.2	27	0
Buchanon	Det.	4	0	34	8.5	18	0
J. Johnson	Minn.	16	3	134	8.4	24	0
Rossum	Dall.	12	1	84	7.0	14	0
Moss	N.Y.G.	11	0	74	6.7	16	0
Berrian	Minn.	2	0	13	6.5	8	0
Randle El	Wash.	17	19	102	6.0	43	0
Forsett	Sea.	16	9	92	5.8	20	0
Nelson	G.B.	17	6	90	5.3	14	0
Maclin	Phil.	6	4	30	5.0	27	0
Moss	Wash.	11	1	52	4.7	11	0
Henderson	N.O.	4	5	16	4.0	11	0
Blackmon	G.B.	3	1	11	3.7	6	0
B. Jones	S.F.	9	1	26	2.9	13	0

Excludes players who gained fewer than 10 yards.

AFC FIELD GOALS

	TEAM	1-19 YDS	20-29 YDS	30-39 YDS	40-49 YDS	50 OR LONGER	TOT	AVG YDS ATT	AVG YDS MADE	AVG YDS MISS	LG
Kaeding	S.D.	2-2 1.000	17-17 1.000	4-4 1.000	6-8 .750	3-4 .750	32-35 .914	33.4	32.2	46.3	55
Janikowski	Oak.	0-0 .000	3-3 1.000	8-8 1.000	9-10 .900	6-8 .750	26-29 .897	43.9	42.5	56.0	61
Dawson	Clev.	0-0 .000	7-7 1.000	5-5 1.000	5-6 .833	0-1 .000	17-19 .895	35.2	33.7	47.5	49
Carpenter	Mia.	0-0 .000	9-9 1.000	7-8 .875	8-9 .889	1-2 .500	25-28 .893	36.5	35.2	47.0	52
Reed	Pitt.	1-1 1.000	7-7 1.000	15-16 .938	4-5 .800	0-2 .000	27-31 .871	34.9	33.2	46.5	46
Succop	K.C.	0-0 .000	10-10 1.000	7-7 1.000	6-7 .857	2-5 .400	25-29 .862	36.4	34.0	51.0	53
Prater	Den.	0-0 .000	14-14 1.000	6-8 .750	8-10 .800	2-3 .667	30-35 .857	35.2	33.8	44.0	51
Lindell	Buff.	0-0 .000	12-12 1.000	9-9 1.000	6-9 .667	1-3 .333	28-33 .849	35.2	32.7	49.2	56
Bironas	Ten.	0-0 .000	8-8 1.000	4-6 .667	10-12 .833	5-6 .833	27-32 .844	40.0	39.1	44.8	53
Gostkowski	N.E.	0-0 .000	7-7 1.000	12-13 .923	5-8 .625	2-3 .667	26-31 .839	35.7	34.5	42.0	53
Feely	N.Y.J.	0-0 .000	6-6 1.000	12-15 .800	11-14 .786	1-1 1.000	30-36 .833	37.7	36.7	42.3	55
Graham	Cin.	0-0 .000	10-11 .909	8-10 .800	3-3 1.000	2-4 .500	23-28 .821	33.9	32.8	39.0	53
Cundiff	Clev.-Balt.	1-1 1.000	9-9 1.000	5-8 .625	3-3 1.000	0-2 .000	18-23 .783	32.9	30.7	40.8	46
K. Brown	Hou.	0-0 .000	11-13 .846	6-9 .667	2-6 .333	2-4 .500	21-32 .656	35.5	32.4	41.5	56
Scobee	Jax.	0-0 .000	7-8 .875	4-4 1.000	3-7 .429	4-9 .444	18-28 .643	40.4	35.8	48.5	52
NON-QUALIFIERS											
Stover	Ind.	0-0 .000	2-2 1.000	5-6 .833	2-2 1.000	0-1 .000	9-11 .818	35.4	33.9	42.0	43
Vinatieri	Ind.	1-1 1.000	3-3 1.000	1-2 .500	2-2 1.000	0-1 .000	7-9 .778	33.6	31.1	42.0	48

NFC FIELD GOALS

	TEAM	1-19 YDS	20-29 YDS	30-39 YDS	40-49 YDS	50 OR LONGER	TOT	AVG YDS ATT	AVG YDS MADE	AVG YDS MISS	LG
Rackers	Ariz.	0-0 .000	4-4 1.000	6-6 1.000	6-7 .857	0-0 .000	16-17 .941	36.2	35.5	48.0	48
Longwell	Minn.	1-1 1.000	10-10 1.000	5-6 .833	8-9 .889	2-2 1.000	26-28 .929	34.3	33.7	41.5	52
Mare	Sea.	0-0 .000	9-9 1.000	10-11 .909	5-6 .833	0-0 .000	24-26 .923	33.8	33.4	38.5	47
Akers	Phil.	1-1 1.000	11-11 1.000	8-9 .889	11-13 .846	1-3 .333	32-37 .865	36.4	34.8	46.6	52
Gould	Chi.	0-0 .000	9-9 1.000	6-6 1.000	7-10 .700	2-3 .667	24-28 .857	37.5	35.7	48.5	52
Tynes	N.Y.G.	0-0 .000	10-12 .833	11-13 .846	5-6 .833	1-1 1.000	27-32 .844	33.9	34.1	33.2	52
Suisham	Wash.-Dall.	0-0 .000	9-10 .900	5-7 .714	6-6 1.000	0-1 .000	20-24 .833	33.3	32.8	35.5	48
Kasay	Car.	0-0 .000	7-7 1.000	9-10 .900	5-6 .833	1-4 .250	22-27 .815	36.9	34.5	47.6	50
Nedney	S.F.	0-0 .000	4-4 1.000	7-8 .875	4-6 .667	2-3 .667	17-21 .810	38.9	37.2	45.8	51
Jo. Brown	St.L.	0-0 .000	5-5 1.000	4-5 .800	4-7 .571	6-7 .857	19-24 .792	40.4	39.1	45.4	55
Carney	N.O.	0-0 .000	6-6 1.000	5-8 .625	2-3 .667	0-0 .000	13-17 .765	33.1	31.2	39.3	46
Crosby	G.B.	1-1 1.000	13-13 1.000	7-9 .778	4-7 .571	2-6 .333	27-36 .750	36.3	32.8	46.6	52
Hanson	Det.	0-0 .000	5-5 1.000	8-9 .889	7-10 .700	1-4 .250	21-28 .750	39.6	36.6	48.4	50
Barth	T.B.	0-0 .000	2-2 1.000	4-6 .667	5-7 .714	3-4 .750	14-19 .737	41.8	41.6	42.4	54
Folk	Dall.	1-1 1.000	5-6 .833	6-7 .857	5-12 .417	1-2 .500	18-28 .643	37.4	34.4	42.6	51
Elam	Atl.	0-0 .000	4-4 1.000	4-8 .500	3-5 .600	1-2 .500	12-19 .632	36.5	34.7	39.6	50
NON-QUALIFIERS											
Gano	Wash.	0-0 .000	2-2 1.000	0-0 .000	2-2 1.000	0-0 .000	4-4 1.000	33.5	33.5	0.0	46
Hartley	N.O.	1-1 1.000	3-3 1.000	5-6 .833	0-0 .000	0-1 .000	9-11 .818	33.6	30.6	47.5	38
M. Bryant	Atl.	0-0 .000	2-2 1.000	4-4 1.000	0-2 .000	1-2 .500	7-10 .700	38.3	34.3	47.7	51
Hauschka	Atl.	0-0 .000	1-1 1.000	5-7 .714	3-5 .600	0-0 .000	9-13 .692	37.5	36.4	39.8	44
Schmitt	S.F.	0-0 .000	0-1 .000	2-2 1.000	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	2-3 .667	33.3	36.0	28.0	39
Nugent	T.B.-Ariz.	1-1 1.000	1-1 1.000	1-2 .500	1-4 .250	0-0 .000	4-8 .500	38.4	31.5	45.3	48
Andrus	S.F.	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	0-0 .000	0-1 .000	0-0 .000	0-1 .000	43.0	0.0	43.0	0

AFC SACKS

	TEAM	NO
Dumervil	Den.	17.0
Freeney	Ind.	13.5
Woodley	Pitt.	13.5
Banta-Cain	N.E.	10.0
J. Harrison	Pitt.	10.0
Schobel	Buff.	10.0
Mathis	Ind.	9.5
Porter	Mia.	9.0
M. Williams	Hou.	9.0
Hali	K.C.	8.5
Odom	Cin.	8.0
Pace	N.Y.J.	8.0
Ellis	Oak.	7.0
Phillips	S.D.	7.0
Scott	Oak.	7.0
Starks	Mia.	7.0
Taylor	Mia.	7.0
Timmons	Pitt.	7.0
Ellis	N.Y.J.	6.5
Pryce	Balt.	6.5
Wimbley	Clev.	6.5
Fanene	Cin.	6.0
J. Johnson	Balt.	6.0
Bowens	Clev.	5.5
Ford	Ten.	5.5
Harris	N.Y.J.	5.5
C. Wake	Mia.	5.5
T. Brown	Ten.	5.0
D. Burgess	N.E.	5.0
Holliday	Den.	5.0
Kelsay	Buff.	5.0
Wright	N.E.	5.0
Barwin	Hou.	4.5
Gilberry	K.C.	4.5
Smith	Hou.	4.5
Suggs	Balt.	4.5
Cushing	Hou.	4.0
Hayes	Ten.	4.0
J. Jones	Ten.	4.0
Merriman	S.D.	4.0
Da. Reid	Den.	4.0
Roth	Clev.	4.0
Seymour	Oak.	4.0
Shaughnessy	Oak.	4.0
C. Williams	Clev.	4.0
K. Williams	Buff.	4.0
Benard	Clev.	3.5
Brock	Ind.	3.5
Davis	Den.	3.5
Geathers	Cin.	3.5
Dh. Jones	Cin.	3.5
D.J. Williams	Den.	3.5
Barnes	Balt.	3.0
Boone	S.D.	3.0
Farrior	Pitt.	3.0
Gregg	Balt.	3.0
Henderson	Jax.	3.0
M. Johnson	Cin.	3.0
Keisel	Pitt.	3.0
Lewis	Balt.	3.0
Richardson	Oak.	3.0
A. Thomas	N.E.	3.0
Vanden Bosch	Ten.	3.0
Burnett	S.D.	2.5
E. Foster	Ind.	2.5
Hampton	Pitt.	2.5
Langford	Mia.	2.5
Leonhard	N.Y.J.	2.5
Maiava	Clev.	2.5
Merling	Mia.	2.5
Trusnik	Clev.	2.5
Zgonina	Hou.	2.5
C. Anderson	Mia.	2.0
M. Brown	K.C.	2.0
Castillo	S.D.	2.0
Chung	N.E.	2.0
Denney	Buff.	2.0
English	S.D.	2.0
Gregory	S.D.	2.0
Harris	S.D.	2.0
Harvey	Jax.	2.0
Hill	Den.	2.0
Hope	Ten.	2.0
Howard	Oak.	2.0
Ihedigbo	N.Y.J.	2.0
S. Johnson	Buff.	2.0
Ta. Johnson	Cin.	2.0
Magee	K.C.	2.0
Morrison	Oak.	2.0
Ndukwe	Cin.	2.0
Rogers	Clev.	2.0
B. Scott	Buff.	2.0
Siler	S.D.	2.0
Aa. Smith	Pitt.	2.0
Strickland	N.Y.J.	2.0
Stroud	Buff.	2.0
Thomas	N.Y.J.	2.0
Tulloch	Ten.	2.0
Vrabel	K.C.	2.0
Warren	Oak.	2.0
Wilson	Buff.	2.0
Bell	Mia.	1.5
Carr	Balt.	1.5
K. Coleman	Clev.	1.5
Douglas	N.Y.J.	1.5
Guyton	N.E.	1.5
B. Johnson	Cin.	1.5
Knighton	Jax.	1.5
Mayo	N.E.	1.5
McDaniel	Mia.	1.5
Mitchell	Oak.	1.5
Ngata	Balt.	1.5
Okoye	Hou.	1.5
Pollard	Hou.	1.5
Schaefering	Clev.	1.5
D. Smith	Jax.	1.5
R. Smith	Clev.	1.5
Weddle	S.D.	1.5
M. Adams	Clev.	1.0
Ayanbadejo	Balt.	1.0
Banks	Ariz.	1.0
Brackett	Ind.	1.0
Branch	Oak.	1.0
Carter	Pitt.	1.0
Cesaire	S.D.	1.0
Crowder	Mia.	1.0
Dobbins	S.D.	1.0
Dorsey	K.C.	1.0
Draft	Buff.	1.0
Durant	Jax.	1.0
Edwards	Balt.	1.0
Elam	Clev.	1.0
Ellison	Jax.	1.0
Ellison	S.D.	1.0
Fuller	Ten.	1.0
Gay	Pitt.	1.0
Goodman	Den.	1.0
Green	N.E.	1.0
Griffin	Ten.	1.0
Haggan	Den.	1.0
Hayward	Jax.	1.0
Hood	Pitt.	1.0
Ingram	Jax.	1.0
D. Johnson	K.C.	1.0
A. Johnson	Ind.	1.0
N. Jones	Mia.	1.0
Kearse	Ten.	1.0
Keiaho	Ind.	1.0
Kelly	Oak.	1.0
Kirschke	Pitt.	1.0
Marks	Ten.	1.0
Maualuga	Cin.	1.0
McDonald	Clev.	1.0
McGraw	K.C.	1.0
Moses	Mia.	1.0
Ninkovich	N.E.	1.0
Nwagbuo	S.D.	1.0
Oliver	S.D.	1.0
Peterson	Den.	1.0
Pool	Clev.	1.0
Posluszny	Buff.	1.0
Poteat	Clev.	1.0
Rivers	Cin.	1.0
Routt	Oak.	1.0
Rucker	Cin.	1.0
Ryans	Hou.	1.0
Scott	S.D.	1.0
Scott	N.Y.J.	1.0
L. Smith	Den.	1.0
Stanley	Jax.	1.0
Taylor	Pitt.	1.0
Team	Hou.	1.0
Team	Buff.	1.0
Team	Ten.	1.0
Team	Pitt.	1.0
Team	Oak.	1.0
Thornton	Ten.	1.0
Torbor	Mia.	1.0
Trent	Cin.	1.0
Warren	N.E.	1.0
Webb	Balt.	1.0
Westerman	N.Y.J.	1.0
Wheeler	Ind.	1.0
Wilson	Mia.	1.0
Baker	Mia.	.5
Cody	Hou.	.5
Haye	Ten.	.5
Huff	Oak.	.5
Muir	Ind.	.5
Session	Ind.	.5
Sims	Cin.	.5

NFC SACKS

	TEAM	NO
J. Allen	Minn.	14.5
Smith	N.O.	13.0
T. Cole	Phil.	12.5
Carter	Wash.	11.0
Orakpo	Wash.	11.0
Ware	Dall.	11.0
Peppers	Car.	10.5
Matthews	G.B.	10.0
Edwards	Minn.	8.5
Parker	Phil.	8.0
Campbell	Ariz.	7.0
Dockett	Ariz.	7.0
Umenyiora	N.Y.G.	7.0
Howard	Phil.	6.5
Lawson	S.F.	6.5
Little	St.L.	6.5
Ogunleye	Chi.	6.5
White	T.B.	6.5
Babineaux	Atl.	6.0
Berry	Ariz.	6.0
Brooks	S.F.	6.0
A. Brown	Chi.	6.0
Ratliff	Dall.	6.0
J. Smith	S.F.	6.0
Spencer	Dall.	6.0
Tuck	N.Y.G.	6.0
Wilkerson	T.B.	6.0
K. Williams	Minn.	6.0
Abraham	Atl.	5.5
Avril	Det.	5.5
Grant	N.O.	5.5
Biermann	Atl.	5.0
Brayton	Car.	5.0
Haggans	Ariz.	5.0
Haralson	S.F.	5.0
Hargrove	N.O.	5.0
Hunter	Det.	5.0
Kerney	Sea.	5.0
Long	St.L.	5.0
J. Hall	St.L.	4.5
Jackson	Sea.	4.5
Jenkins	G.B.	4.5
Okeafor	Ariz.	4.5
Peterson	Det.	4.5
Robison	Minn.	4.5
Barnett	G.B.	4.0
Hawthorne	Sea.	4.0
Haynesworth	Wash.	4.0
C. Johnson	Car.	4.0
B. Jones	G.B.	4.0
Spikes	S.F.	4.0
Willis	S.F.	4.0
Anderson	Chi.	3.5
Crowder	T.B.	3.5
Kampman	G.B.	3.5
Beason	Car.	3.0
Bowen	Dall.	3.0
Brooking	Dall.	3.0
Butler	Dall.	3.0
C. Clemons	Phil.	3.0
Hayes	T.B.	3.0
Kennedy	Minn.	3.0
Kiwanuka	N.Y.G.	3.0
McDonald	S.F.	3.0
Nicholas	Atl.	3.0
Babin	Phil.	2.5
Briggs	Chi.	2.5
Brown	Car.	2.5
T. Harris	Chi.	2.5
Hillenmeyer	Chi.	2.5
Idonije	Chi.	2.5
Leber	Minn.	2.5
Spears	Dall.	2.5
Tapp	Sea.	2.5
Abiamiri	Phil.	2.0
A. Adams	Chi.	2.0
Afalava	Chi.	2.0
L. Alexander	Wash.	2.0
Barber	T.B.	2.0
Branch	Ariz.	2.0
Carpenter	Dall.	2.0
Chillar	G.B.	2.0
D. Clark	N.Y.G.	2.0
Curry	Sea.	2.0
Dahl	St.L.	2.0
Davis	Ariz.	2.0
DeCoud	Atl.	2.0
Doughty	Wash.	2.0
Ellis	N.O.	2.0
Fletcher	Wash.	2.0
Foote	Det.	2.0
Franklin	S.F.	2.0
Goldson	S.F.	2.0
Golston	Wash.	2.0
Griffin	Wash.	2.0
E.J. Henderson	Minn.	2.0
Iwebema	Ariz.	2.0
James	Dall.	2.0
Th. Johnson	Atl.	2.0
Laurinaitis	St.L.	2.0
Miller	T.B.	2.0
Redding	Sea.	2.0
Roach	Chi.	2.0
Robbins	N.Y.G.	2.0
Team	Minn.	2.0
Vilma	N.O.	2.0
P. Williams	Minn.	2.0
Wilson	Ariz.	2.0
Woodson	G.B.	2.0
Ayodele	N.O.	1.5
Babineaux	Sea.	1.5
Black	T.B.	1.5
T. Davis	Car.	1.5
Evans	S.F.	1.5
Fluellen	Det.	1.5
Gaither	Phil.	1.5
Rom. Harper	N.O.	1.5
McBride	Det.	1.5
McCray	N.O.	1.5
Mebane	Sea.	1.5
Olshansky	Dall.	1.5
M. Patterson	Phil.	1.5
Rolle	Ariz.	1.5
Abdullah	Minn.	1.0
G. Adams	Chi.	1.0
Ah You	St.L.	1.0
A. Allen	Minn.	1.0
Anderson	Car.	1.0
Atogwe	St.L.	1.0
Banks	Ariz.	1.0
Bennett	T.B.	1.0
Bernard	N.Y.G.	1.0
Bly	S.F.	1.0
Boley	N.Y.G.	1.0
Bryan	Det.	1.0
Buchanon	Det.	1.0
Bunkley	Phil.	1.0
Cofield	N.Y.G.	1.0
J. Cohen	Det.	1.0
Collins	G.B.	1.0
Daniels	Wash.	1.0
Dansby	Ariz.	1.0
Davis	Atl.	1.0
Delmas	Det.	1.0
Dixon	Phil.	1.0
Dizon	Det.	1.0
Fujita	N.O.	1.0
Gay	N.O.	1.0
Gocong	Phil.	1.0
Goff	N.Y.G.	1.0
Grant	St.L.	1.0
Harris	G.B.	1.0
Harrison	Chi.	1.0
Hatcher	Dall.	1.0
Hawk	G.B.	1.0
Hayden	Car.	1.0
Hill	Sea.	1.0
C. Jackson	Atl.	1.0
B. Johnson	N.Y.G.	1.0
M. Johnson	N.Y.G.	1.0
Jolly	G.B.	1.0
Jones	Phil.	1.0
Jordan	Phil.	1.0
Landri	Car.	1.0
Landry	Wash.	1.0
Leonard	Car.	1.0
M.M. Lewis	S.F.	1.0
D. Manning	Chi.	1.0
Peterson	Atl.	1.0
Pierce	N.Y.G.	1.0
Poppinga	G.B.	1.0
Raji	G.B.	1.0
L. Ramsey	St.L.	1.0
Reed	Sea.	1.0
Robinson	Ariz.	1.0
Roman	S.F.	1.0
Rouse	N.Y.G.	1.0
Ryan	St.L.	1.0
Scandrick	Dall.	1.0
Sidbury	Atl.	1.0
Sims	T.B.	1.0
Sintim	N.Y.G.	1.0
Sopoaga	S.F.	1.0
Tatupu	Sea.	1.0
Team	Ariz.	1.0
Team	Chi.	1.0
Team	Det.	1.0
Terrill	Sea.	1.0
Thomas	N.Y.G.	1.0
Tollefson	N.Y.G.	1.0
Tryon	Wash.	1.0
Wesley	Car.	1.0
T. Williams	G.B.	1.0
Wilson	Wash.	1.0
Wilson	Sea.	1.0
Winfield	Minn.	1.0
Witherspoon	Phil.	1.0
J. Anderson	Atl.	.5
Blackburn	N.Y.G.	.5
Canty	N.Y.G.	.5
Hanson	Phil.	.5
Hovan	T.B.	.5
Lewis	Car.	.5
Sharper	N.O.	.5
Torrence	N.O.	.5

AFC PUNTING

	TEAM	NO	YDS	LG	GROSS AVG	TB	INS 20	BLK	RET	RET YDS	NET AVG
Lechler	Oak.	96	4,909	70	51.1	12	30	0	63	459	43.9
Colquitt	K.C.	96	4,361	70	45.4	6	41	1	40	285	40.8
Moorman	Buff.	90	4,192	73	46.6	10	25	0	49	377	40.2
Fields	Mia.	75	3,472	66	46.3	6	25	0	43	369	39.8
Turk	Hou.	67	2,866	62	42.8	6	24	0	24	104	39.4
Scifres	S.D.	52	2,342	65	45.0	2	23	0	23	265	39.2
Zastudil	Clev.	49	2,188	60	44.7	5	25	0	22	170	39.1
Kern	Den.-Ten.	64	2,910	67	45.5	10	27	0	27	249	38.5
Podlesh	Jax.	72	3,017	64	41.9	5	23	0	38	159	38.3
Berger	Den.	51	2,142	65	42.0	2	13	0	23	169	37.9
Koch	Balt.	73	3,188	60	43.7	5	26	1	38	287	37.9
McAfee	Ind.	64	2,837	60	44.3	6	21	0	36	301	37.8
Sepulveda	Pitt.	72	3,074	60	42.7	4	29	0	33	325	37.1
Weatherford	N.Y.J.	80	3,357	66	42.0	9	25	0	27	238	36.7
Huber	Cin.	86	3,713	61	43.2	10	24	0	39	393	36.3
Hodges	Ten.-Clev.	67	2,657	54	39.7	5	16	0	30	220	34.9
Hanson	N.E.	56	2,221	56	39.7	5	18	1	20	180	34.1
NON-QUALIFIERS											
Hentrich	Ten.	9	422	60	46.9	0	3	0	3	25	44.1
Bironas	Ten.	1	40	40	40.0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0

NFC PUNTING

	TEAM	NO	YDS	LG	GROSS AVG	TB	INS 20	BLK	RET	RET YDS	NET AVG
D. Jones	St.L.	90	4,212	63	46.8	10	34	0	41	260	41.7
Lee	S.F.	99	4,711	64	47.6	8	30	0	57	495	41.0
Graham	Ariz.	86	4,045	64	47.0	3	42	0	47	493	40.6
McBriar	Dall.	72	3,249	63	45.1	3	38	0	38	314	39.9
Ryan	Sea.	88	4,068	70	46.2	9	28	0	43	479	38.7
Rocca	Phil.	76	3,222	61	42.4	4	26	0	39	229	38.3
Kluwe	Minn.	73	3,202	60	43.9	9	24	0	33	260	37.8
Maynard	Chi.	77	3,191	66	41.4	2	26	0	34	272	37.4
H. Smith	Wash.	57	2,356	59	41.3	5	23	0	22	158	36.8
N. Harris	Det.	74	3,174	56	42.9	5	20	0	41	354	36.8
D. Johnson	T.B.	62	2,558	63	41.3	3	16	0	29	222	36.7
Baker	Car.	76	3,352	61	44.1	4	22	1	41	452	36.6
Koenen	Atl.	61	2,598	70	42.6	3	18	1	27	289	36.3
Morstead	N.O.	58	2,528	60	43.6	4	18	0	25	358	36.0
Feagles	N.Y.G.	64	2,604	59	40.7	2	23	0	28	258	36.0
Kapinos	G.B.	66	2,891	58	43.8	10	15	1	40	403	34.1
NON-QUALIFIERS											
Paulescu	Wash.-T.B.	27	1,172	61	43.4	5	8	0	10	83	36.6
M. Bryant	Atl.	1	36	36	36.0	0	1	0	0	0	36.0
Pakulak	Wash.	13	498	57	38.3	1	4	0	7	46	33.2
Mare	Sea.	1	32	32	32.0	0	1	0	0	0	32.0
Barth	T.B.	1	46	46	46.0	0	0	0	1	18	28.0
Suisham	Dall.	3	80	32	26.7	0	1	0	1	4	25.3

NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES EASTERN

WEEK ONE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

Minnesota at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 13

Baltimore at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 10:15 p.m.

WEEK TWO

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

Miami at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 20

New Orleans at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK THREE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

Green Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK FOUR

(Byes: Dallas, Kansas City, Minnesota, Tampa Bay)

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

New England at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK FIVE

(Byes: Miami, New England, Pittsburgh, Seattle)

SUNDAY, OCT. 10

Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Houston, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 11

Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK SIX

(Byes: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Arizona, Carolina)

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 18

Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK SEVEN

(Byes: Detroit, Indianapolis, N.Y. Jets, Houston)

SUNDAY, OCT. 24

Cincinnati at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New England at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 25

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK EIGHT

(Byes: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia, Baltimore)

SUNDAY, OCT. 31

Miami at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco (London), 1 p.m.
Tennessee at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 1

Houston at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK NINE

(Byes: Denver, Tennessee, St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington, Jacksonville)

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo (Toronto), 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 8

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 10

(Byes: Green Bay, Oakland, New Orleans, San Diego)

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

Baltimore at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14

Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 15

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 11

THURSDAY, NOV. 18

Chicago at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21

Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 22

Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 12

THURSDAY, NOV. 25

New England at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 29

San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 13

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

Houston at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 9

Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 13

Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 15

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

San Francisco at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 16

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Carolina at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Dallas at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

New Orleans at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 17

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:15 p.m.

Note: Sunday-night games in Weeks 11-16 are subject to change as part of the NFL's flexible scheduling policy.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 8
AFC and NFC wild-card playoffs

SUNDAY, JAN. 9
AFC and NFC wild-card playoffs

SATURDAY, JAN. 15
AFC and NFC divisional playoffs

SUNDAY, JAN. 16
AFC and NFC divisional playoffs

SUNDAY, JAN. 23
AFC and NFC championship games

SUNDAY, JAN. 30
AFC-NFC Pro Bowl in Hawaii

SUNDAY, FEB. 6
Super Bowl XLV in North Texas

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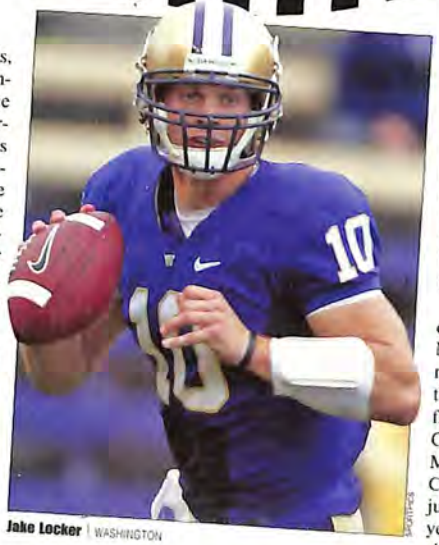
ompared to the 1990s, when an average of 30 underclassmen entered the draft each year, the average number of players bolting early has increased 63 percent in the last five years. Since ookie salaries have skyrocketrly 50 underclassmen per e departed early, with a gh 40 being drafted in '08 '09.

ult, not only are fewer sendrafted every year, the pool the college ranks has been wn, leaving less top-tier talenior class than ever before. particularly has tended to , as the first three quarterrunning backs and six relast year's draft — or every passer, runner and ed in the first round — all hailed from the underclass-



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did not declare early — Florida's Tim Tebow and McCoy — return as the nation's top senior passers in QB class that will likely need a strong boost again or ranks, featuring Oklahoma's Sam Bradford, Missan Snead and Washington's Jake Locker.

B C.J. Spiller, a dynamic playmaker, returns atop a or RB class. LSU WR Brandon LaFell, with shaky iva attitude, warrants the most interest atop a bleak ng class that will be greatly overshadowed by Okla- Dez Bryant and Illinois' Arrelious Benn. The TE

class is average, headed by Oklahoma's Jermaine Gresham. After 12 offensive tackles were drafted in the first round the last two years, athletic big men are becoming increasingly rare, with Oklahoma's Trent Williams and Oklahoma State's Russell Okung heading a senior class lacking depth. The interior is even weaker featuring few notable standouts.

Defensively, there could be some depth at tackle, with Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh and Alabama's Terrence Cody hailing from a senior class that could be even stronger with help from a pair of juniors in Oklahoma's Gerald McCoy and North Carolina's Marvin Austin. Northwestern DE Corey Wootton, coming off an ACL injury suffered in the Alamo Bowl last year, possesses rare size and athletic ability, as does Florida junior Carlos Dunlap, but overall the end class is fairly nondescript.

The linebacker position is deeper ou souri's instinctive WLB Sean Weather class on the outside, while Florida's Br most at the less valued inside position a fairly solid group of rush 'backer pr

In the secondary, USC FS Taylor Ma the class after shockingly returning to safety class is average, although it cou junior crop featuring Tennessee's Eric F is weak, with Florida State's Patrick R physical talent as any.

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